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TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OCTOBER 1984 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES MODESTLY

The State's actual civilian labor force total was virtually unchanged between August and September, as a moderate increase in unemployment was balanced by a similar decline in employment. At mid-September, employment totaled 7,604,800, and there were 470,000 unemployed. The actual unemployment rate crept upward from 5.6 percent in August to 5.8 percent in September. The increase among the jobless occurred as parents entered the labor force to seek work after having remained at home during the summer to care for children.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the Texas unemployment rate slid downward slightly, from 5.7 percent in August to 5.6 percent in September. Both series showed over-the-year declines in unemployment which reflected the resurgence of the Texas economy. The actual State unemployment rate in September 1983 was 8.6 percent, while the seasonally adjusted rate stood at 8.4 percent a year ago.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,843.0	115,076.0	112,196.0
Unemployment	8,051.0	8,382.0	9,830.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.3	8.8
Total Employment	105,792.0	106,694.0	102,366.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,699.0	113,495.0	112,229.0
Unemployment	8,460.0	8,526.0	10,353.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.5	9.2
Total Employment	105,239.0	104,969.0	101,876.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,074.8	8,072.2	7,720.2
Unemployment	470.0	450.2	662.3
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.6	8.6
Total Employment	7,604.8	7,622.0	7,057.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,058.0	8,036.0	7,715.0
Unemployment	450.0	455.0	648.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.7	8.4
Total Employment	7,608.0	7,581.0	7,067.0

The U. S. unemployment rate also changed very little over the month, with the actual rate decreasing from 7.3 percent to 7.1 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate almost unchanged from 7.5 in August to 7.4 in September. The Nation's rates had also dropped significantly over the year, from the September 1983 actual rate of 8.8 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate of 9.2 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

The September count of salaried nonfarm jobs reflected its largest over-the-month increase since April, as 24,200 jobs were added. A large percentage of the advance, however, was seasonal in nature, as staffing was completed for schools. Aside from these sizeable increases, the largest number of jobs was created by the manufacturing sector, where 6,100 additions were reported in September.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,800	57,200	58,300	79,900	79.100	78,600	305,300	295,900	285,800
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,500	9,700	9,600	9,600	36,400	36,100	33,700
Mining	3,900	4,000	4,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,200	4,000	4,000	4,200	21,100	21,000	17,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	6,600	6,700	6,600	8,100	8,100	8,100
Trade	15,200	15,200	15,000	24,200	24,400	23,300	68,700	68,300	64,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,600	4,600	4,300	19,400	19,300	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,500	13,500	14,700	14,800	14,700	62,300	61,600	58,000
Government	9,700	9,000	9,500	14,200	13,100	13,900	88,400	80,600	85,500
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	141,000	141,200	140,300	62,900	62,300	63,200	47,500	45,300	45,700
Manufacturing	31,000	31,600	31,800	10,800	11,000	11,000	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,500	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,300	9,800	3,300	3,200	3,500	3,400	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,900	11,900	3,200	3,300	3,200	1,800	1,900	1,700
Trade	34,000	34,300	32,900	17,300	17,300	17,400	10,500	10,200	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	26,800	27,300	26,100	11,200	11,300	11,000	6,900	6,800	6,500
Government	19,800	18,500	19,700	13,900	13,000	13,900	18,700	16,900	18,300
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,500	129,300	128,100	1673.4	1658.3	1602.9	168,200	166,600	164,300
Manufacturing	14,800	14,800	14,400	323.2	318.7	309.2	38,700	38,800	36,600
Mining	7,600	7,400	7,200	28.1	28.2	28.6	--	--	--
Construction	9,500	9,700	9,700	104.8	105.4	98.9	9,300	9,500	8,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,300	7,400	7,400	100.9	101.0	97.3	9,600	9,800	9,800
Trade	33,200	33,000	32,100	447.6	447.5	431.9	41,100	40,900	39,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,700	6,700	6,600	139.2	139.8	129.5	7,900	8,100	7,700
Services & Misc.	24,200	24,200	24,200	339.9	339.6	320.8	28,000	28,100	28,000
Government	27,200	26,100	26,500	189.7	178.1	186.7	33,600	31,400	33,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,600	68,000	68,400	1528.1	1521.8	1499.8	63,500	64,100	60,900
Manufacturing	9,900	10,000	10,500	198.9	199.1	198.9	8,700	9,000	8,400
Mining	800	800	700	100.1	100.6	97.2	--	--	--
Construction	4,400	4,500	4,300	125.9	126.8	137.9	4,000	4,100	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,900	5,800	6,200	107.6	107.3	105.5	3,100	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,400	12,600	12,700	373.5	372.2	361.4	15,300	15,300	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	110.6	111.0	105.4	2,600	2,600	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,500	10,700	333.5	332.1	314.9	11,500	11,400	11,200
Government	21,400	18,300	18,800	178.0	172.7	178.6	18,300	18,400	17,900

2/ In Thousands

Almost all of the growth in manufacturing was contributed by the durable goods sector. Some 2,400 jobs were gained in transportation equipment over the month, due in part to workers returning following settlement of a labor-management dispute in aircraft and parts. Increased drilling activity during the past few months generated a substantial number of hires in the oil field machinery portion of non-electrical machinery. Several large employers in fabricated metal products recalled workers over the month, pushing employment up primarily in the fabricated structural metal products division.

Electric and electronic equipment recorded its smallest growth in several months in September, despite the recalls of some workers by major employers. Increased orders brought moderate employment advances in lumber and wood products, while smaller gains were recorded in furniture and fixtures. Minimal growth was reported in instruments and related products, in stone, clay and glass products, and in miscellaneous manufacturing industries. A very small decrease occurred in primary metal products.

Nondurable goods recorded an overall increase of only 200 in September, as a sizeable increase in one sector was offset by scattered losses elsewhere. Food and

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Industry	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,300	30,500	29,500	67,500	67,200	67,900	91,800	90,000	91,800
Manufacturing	1,700	1,800	1,700	14,800	14,800	14,800	9,300	9,300	11,100
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,100	1,200	1,400	4,700	4,800	4,900	4,200	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,700	4,600	4,700
Trade	9,200	9,200	8,900	17,300	17,200	17,200	26,900	27,000	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,000	4,700	11,000	11,200	11,200	19,600	19,200	18,800
Government	7,300	7,300	7,100	8,600	8,100	8,300	21,200	19,700	21,000
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	77,100	76,000	76,100	59,500	57,600	51,700	60,100	60,400	55,500
Manufacturing	9,800	9,800	9,600	4,100	3,800	3,600	5,800	5,800	6,000
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	13,600	13,100	12,100	8,800	8,700	8,900
Construction	5,000	5,100	5,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,500	4,700	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,000	3,000	2,800	2,900	3,100	3,000
Trade	23,700	24,100	23,300	14,100	14,100	12,100	18,800	18,700	15,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,100	4,100	3,600	2,300	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,500	11,100	10,600	10,200	8,500	9,500	9,500	8,200
Government	19,700	18,100	19,700	6,400	5,700	5,300	7,500	7,500	7,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	38,300	37,400	37,300	460,800	455,900	440,000	35,200	35,100	34,400
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,600	51,700	51,400	49,500	12,000	12,000	11,300
Mining	800	800	900	3,700	3,600	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,400	2,500	2,400	32,800	33,400	31,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,700	3,800	18,800	19,000	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,600	9,500	9,000	120,800	120,500	112,900	7,300	7,200	7,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est..	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,500	33,500	31,600	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,500	7,400	100,200	100,000	94,900	6,100	6,200	6,400
Government	6,800	6,200	6,600	99,300	94,500	98,100	4,900	4,800	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	48,200	47,700	46,300	58,700	58,200	57,400	28,400	28,300	28,500
Manufacturing	9,200	9,500	8,600	12,500	12,300	11,800	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,300	2,400	2,600
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,500	2,400	2,600	2,400	2,500	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	2,100	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,500	1,400	1,500
Trade	11,200	11,100	10,900	14,800	14,900	14,500	7,700	7,800	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,300	11,800	11,800	11,500	5,600	5,600	5,400
Government	13,100	12,400	12,600	8,100	7,800	8,000	4,200	3,900	4,100
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	78,300	76,800	75,000	53,900	53,300	53,000			
Manufacturing	16,200	16,600	15,900	9,700	9,900	9,000			
Mining	--	--	--	3,300	3,200	3,200			
Construction	4,300	4,400	3,900	2,000	2,000	2,100			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,300	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	20,300	19,800	18,700	13,500	13,600	13,200			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,800	4,500	2,400	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	17,800	17,000	17,100	9,400	9,200	9,300			
Government	11,600	10,900	11,700	10,700	10,000	10,900			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

kindred products was the only nondurable industry to post an increase of more than 100 jobs over the month. This industry registered 1,700 additions, with growth spread throughout its sectors. Workers in apparel and other textile products were laid off in fairly large numbers following the rush to complete back-to-school apparel. Smaller losses occurred in chemicals and allied products, paper and allied products, and in other nondurable goods. Other nondurable sectors remained relatively unchanged over the month.

Gains and losses were also intermixed in nonmanufacturing in September. The largest advance was posted by government, as faculty and support staffing was completed for the fall semester at local and state schools and colleges. The federal segment registered a drop in employment over the month. The same seasonal influences that affected government were apparent in services, with the only major upturn recorded in educational services. The change of seasons brought some downturns in other portions of services, as amusement, including motion pictures, and the membership organizations portion of other services both lost jobs as summer activities came to

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Industry	Sep. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983	Change From Aug. 1984	Change From Sep. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,367,000	6,342,800	6,209,500	24,200	157,500
Manufacturing	998,500	992,400	963,800	6,100	34,700
Durable Goods	580,000	574,100	550,200	5,900	29,800
Lumber & Wood Products	42,200	41,700	41,500	500	700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	18,000	17,700	17,100	300	900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,900	48,800	47,100	100	1,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,100	23,000	21,700	100	1,400
Primary Metal Industries	36,000	36,100	33,600	-100	2,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,900	82,100	80,700	800	2,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,200	44,700	44,500	500	700
Machinery, Except Electrical	137,400	136,200	128,500	1,200	8,900
Oil Field Machinery	45,500	44,700	40,800	800	4,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	105,400	104,900	95,800	500	9,600
Transportation Equipment	74,100	71,700	71,600	2,400	2,500
Aircraft & Parts	37,600	35,000	37,400	2,600	200
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	22,900	22,300	100	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,100	12,000	12,000	100	100
Nondurable Goods	418,500	418,300	413,600	200	4,900
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	97,400	95,600	1,700	3,500
Meat Products	25,100	25,000	25,000	100	100
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Bakery Products	12,600	12,500	10,800	100	1,800
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,400	3,400	-100	-100
Textile Mill Products	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,800	61,900	61,300	-1,100	-500
Paper & Allied Products	22,200	22,300	21,600	-100	600
Printing & Publishing	72,000	72,000	69,200	0	2,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,600	35,800	34,900	-200	700
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,300	76,500	77,400	-200	-1,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,500	42,500	43,900	0	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,300	39,300	40,800	0	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,100	8,500	0	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,600	31,300	-100	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,368,500	5,350,400	5,245,700	18,100	122,800
Mining	271,900	273,100	258,100	-1,200	13,800
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,900	263,100	248,400	-1,200	13,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,000	10,000	9,700	0	300
Construction	403,400	409,200	425,300	-5,800	-21,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,700	385,200	373,600	-500	11,100
Railroad Transportation	25,500	25,400	24,600	100	900
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,900	184,700	175,300	200	9,600
Transportation by Air	35,400	35,300	37,100	100	-1,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,300	96,500	95,100	-200	1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,000	78,600	78,600	-600	-600
Electric Services	43,700	44,000	43,900	-300	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,900	29,300	29,600	-400	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,605,300	1,602,300	1,566,600	3,000	38,700
Wholesale Trade	444,600	443,900	434,200	700	10,400
Retail Trade	1,160,700	1,158,400	1,132,400	2,300	28,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,900	55,100	52,600	-200	2,300
General Merchandise Stores	147,200	145,800	145,600	1,400	1,600
Food Stores	211,700	210,000	203,400	1,700	8,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,100	135,000	130,900	-900	3,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,800	78,100	76,900	-300	900
Other Retail Trade	535,000	534,400	523,000	600	12,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	405,700	406,100	395,300	-400	10,400
Banking	104,200	104,300	102,700	-100	1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,300	124,800	122,700	-500	1,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,200	177,000	169,900	200	7,300
Services	1,235,000	1,229,300	1,192,200	5,700	42,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,500	78,200	76,300	-700	1,200
Personal Services	74,600	74,400	71,800	200	2,800
Business & Repair Services	332,300	332,300	312,400	0	19,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,700	55,900	50,600	-2,200	3,100
Health Services	344,600	345,800	339,700	-1,200	4,900
Educational Services	64,700	53,800	62,100	10,900	2,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	287,600	288,900	279,300	-1,300	8,300
Total Government	1,062,500	1,045,200	1,034,600	17,300	27,900
Total Federal Government	181,700	183,200	176,300	-1,500	5,400
Total State Government	220,200	214,500	214,400	5,700	5,800
Total Local Government	660,600	647,500	643,900	13,100	16,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**	Sep.'84*	Aug.'84**	Sep.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,900	79,100	77,800	104,100	104,500	99,400	361,500	354,700	327,700
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,100	4,500	4,700	4,400	5,500	12,300	11,900	15,300
Percent Unemployed	3.9	3.9	5.8	4.5	4.2	5.5	3.4	3.4	4.7
Total Employment 2/	75,800	76,000	73,300	99,400	100,100	93,900	349,200	342,800	312,400
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	182,100	183,100	182,100	94,300	94,700	93,800	58,800	57,200	55,400
Total Unemployment	19,400	18,800	27,500	12,600	12,000	15,300	2,100	2,100	2,800
Percent Unemployed	10.7	10.3	15.1	13.4	12.7	16.3	3.6	3.7	5.1
Total Employment 2/	162,700	164,300	154,600	81,700	82,700	78,500	56,700	55,100	52,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	170,000	170,500	169,100	1,956.0	1,953.7	1,824.6	206,800	204,700	199,500
Total Unemployment	13,600	13,400	21,700	74.6	68.9	99.9	20,800	20,000	25,300
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.9	12.8	3.8	3.5	5.5	10.1	9.8	12.7
Total Employment 2/	156,400	157,100	147,400	1,881.4	1,884.8	1,724.7	186,000	184,700	174,200
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	95,700	94,100	92,900	1,817.9	1,824.2	1,772.7	79,200	80,200	74,300
Total Unemployment	8,800	8,600	12,200	115.7	112.2	180.5	4,200	4,000	5,400
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.1	13.1	6.4	6.2	10.2	5.3	5.0	7.3
Total Employment 2/	86,900	85,500	80,700	1,702.2	1,712.0	1,592.2	75,000	76,200	68,900
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	38,800	39,400	41,000	81,100	81,600	81,900	116,900	115,600	115,100
Total Unemployment	6,000	6,000	10,700	6,300	6,100	10,100	5,800	5,700	8,300
Percent Unemployed	15.5	15.2	26.1	7.8	7.5	12.3	5.0	4.9	7.2
Total Employment 2/	32,800	33,400	30,300	74,800	75,500	71,800	111,100	109,900	106,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	119,900	117,500	119,300	76,600	75,800	66,200	79,600	80,200	74,200
Total Unemployment	25,800	23,300	29,200	2,700	2,700	4,300	3,500	3,400	7,200
Percent Unemployed	21.5	19.8	24.5	3.5	3.6	6.5	4.4	4.2	9.7
Total Employment 2/	94,100	94,200	90,100	73,900	73,100	61,900	76,100	76,800	67,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,200	52,300	50,000	547,300	546,800	509,600	41,800	42,100	40,500
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,000	2,800	27,200	25,900	34,200	2,100	1,900	3,100
Percent Unemployed	4.3	3.8	5.6	5.0	4.7	6.7	5.0	4.5	7.7
Total Employment 2/	50,900	50,300	47,200	520,100	520,900	475,400	39,700	40,200	37,400
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,800	54,900	52,300	80,500	81,000	77,400	38,300	38,400	38,800
Total Unemployment	4,200	4,100	5,100	3,600	3,900	5,100	2,100	2,000	4,200
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.5	9.8	4.5	4.8	6.6	5.5	5.2	10.8
Total Employment 2/	50,600	50,800	47,200	76,900	77,100	72,300	36,200	36,400	34,600
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	97,600	96,900	91,000	71,300	70,800	68,300	8,074.8	8,072.2	7,720.2
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,000	5,000	3,600	3,100	4,700	470.0	450.2	662.3
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.1	5.5	5.0	4.4	6.9	5.8	5.6	8.6
Total Employment 2/	93,100	92,900	86,000	67,700	67,700	63,600	7,604.8	7,622.0	7,057.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

JOB INJURY INTERAGENCY COUNCIL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Earlier this year, Governor Mark White created, by Executive Order, a Job Injury Interagency Council and Advisory Committee (JIICAC). The heads of eight state agencies sit on the council -- TRC, TDH, TEC, TDA, AG, SBI, DLS, and IAB. Representatives on the Advisory Committee are top leaders from business, labor, insurance, trial lawyers, agriculture, safety associations, rehabilitation, and federal agencies. In addition, the Lt. Governor and Speaker have a representative. The Council and Committee are charged with determining the role of the State in preventing work-related injuries.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983	Sep.± 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983	Sep.± 1984	Aug. 1984	Sep. 1983
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	384.22	381.22	375.36	41.9	41.8	41.8	9.17	9.12	8.98
Durable Goods	377.87	376.68	364.73	41.8	41.9	41.4	9.04	8.99	8.81
Lumber & Wood Products	260.82	258.46	249.56	40.5	39.4	39.3	6.44	6.56	6.35
Furniture & Fixtures	231.86	236.79	234.37	39.1	39.4	40.2	5.93	6.01	5.83
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	374.97	375.37	366.80	43.5	43.8	44.3	8.62	8.57	8.28
Primary Metal Industries	400.77	401.79	397.02	40.4	40.3	39.0	9.92	9.97	10.18
Fabricated Metal Products	356.04	352.73	360.93	41.4	41.4	40.6	8.60	8.52	8.89
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.18	394.68	359.42	42.6	42.9	41.6	9.30	9.20	8.64
Oil Field Machinery	490.49	475.84	427.44	45.5	44.1	41.1	10.78	10.79	10.40
Electric & Electronic Equip.	405.23	413.10	386.55	42.3	42.5	42.2	9.58	9.72	9.16
Transportation Equipment	509.72	499.16	482.47	42.3	42.7	41.7	12.05	11.69	11.57
Instruments & Rel. Prod.	296.81	305.32	335.37	38.9	39.6	41.2	7.63	7.71	8.14
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	279.07	270.80	307.86	41.1	40.0	42.0	6.79	6.77	7.33
Nondurable Goods	394.57	387.39	388.74	42.2	41.7	42.3	9.35	9.29	9.19
Food & Kindred Products	349.55	340.34	345.20	44.7	43.3	44.6	7.82	7.86	7.74
Meat Products	299.73	284.00	312.99	45.9	44.1	45.1	6.53	6.44	6.94
Malt Beverages	742.21	794.61	661.23	46.1	48.6	44.2	16.10	16.35	14.96
Textile Mill Products	270.66	269.21	266.02	40.7	41.1	41.5	6.65	6.55	6.41
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	188.88	190.73	189.91	37.7	38.3	38.6	5.01	4.98	4.92
Paper & Allied Products	449.91	436.48	426.65	45.4	44.0	45.1	9.91	9.92	9.46
Printing & Publishing	356.06	355.88	342.59	40.6	41.0	40.4	8.77	8.68	8.48
Chemicals & Allied Products	614.54	596.99	591.82	43.4	42.4	42.7	14.15	14.08	13.86
Petroleum & Coal Products	620.92	619.67	640.77	43.3	43.7	44.1	14.34	14.18	14.53
Petroleum Refining	638.85	637.29	654.44	43.4	43.8	44.1	14.72	14.55	14.84
Leather & Leather Products	208.87	202.48	208.18	37.1	35.9	40.9	5.63	5.64	5.09
Other Nondurable Goods	371.94	362.95	361.18	42.9	42.5	43.1	8.67	8.54	8.38
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	496.42	480.76	478.98	46.7	45.7	46.1	10.63	10.52	10.39
Oil & Gas Extraction	499.22	482.45	483.59	46.7	45.6	46.1	10.69	10.58	10.49
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, exc. Fuel	433.30	430.97	377.10	47.2	47.1	46.1	9.18	9.15	8.18
Comm., exc. U. S. Postal Service	446.72	446.42	427.87	40.5	40.4	40.1	11.03	11.05	10.67
Elec., Gas & San. Services	438.69	436.71	425.52	40.1	40.7	41.8	10.94	10.73	10.18
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.02	239.07	231.53	34.5	34.9	34.3	6.87	6.85	6.75
Wholesale Trade	368.00	364.40	356.00	40.0	40.0	40.0	9.20	9.11	8.90
Retail Trade	190.45	194.96	187.02	32.5	33.1	32.3	5.86	5.89	5.79
General Merchandise Stores	164.01	155.18	168.37	31.3	29.9	29.8	5.24	5.19	5.65
Banking	266.85	257.01	245.63	39.3	39.0	38.5	6.79	6.59	6.38

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$376.20	$370.40	$368.58	41.8	41.9	41.6	$ 9.00	$ 8.84	$ 8.86
Durable Goods	388.96	385.14	385.12	41.6	42.0	41.5	9.35	9.17	9.28
Nondurable Goods	347.28	340.25	330.72	42.3	41.8	41.6	8.21	8.14	7.95
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	483.76	477.83	460.51	44.3	43.4	42.6	10.92	11.01	10.81
Durable Goods	436.63	424.45	394.37	44.6	43.4	41.6	9.79	9.78	9.48
Nondurable Goods	549.12	547.31	545.24	44.0	43.3	43.9	12.48	12.64	12.42
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	279.86	278.36	276.30	41.4	41.3	41.8	6.76	6.74	6.61
Durable Goods	301.98	298.75	299.33	42.0	41.9	42.1	7.19	7.13	7.11
Nondurable Goods	256.00	255.15	252.54	40.7	40.5	41.4	6.29	6.30	6.10

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

a halt and summer help returned to school. Employment declines also occurred in health services, as both hospitals and nursing and personal care facilities lost jobs. Employers in wholesale and retail trade continued to augment their payrolls in September. The major increases were in food stores and in general merchandise stores, which benefitted from back-to-school buying. Seasonal influences pushed employment down in building materials and garden supplies and among automotive dealers and service stations over the month, and apparel and accessory stores also lost jobs.

Small downturns were reported in finance, insurance and real estate as business decreased among insurance agents and brokers and banking activity dropped slightly. A small increase in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector was not sufficient to offset these losses.

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Moderate declines were common among the major components of transportation and public utilities, as transportation reflected the only over-the-month increase. Transportation by air, which recorded a small upward trend in September, has lost 1,700 jobs since September 1983.

The two industries which recorded the largest drops in employment in September were mining and construction. The oil and gas extraction portion of mining was responsible for all of the 1,200 decrease, but the losses did not occur in the drilling sector. The declines were in the management sector, as several companies were merged with larger corporations and reorganized, deleting jobs which were considered redundant under the new structure. Construction employment suffered its largest decline in several months, as 5,800 jobs were lost over the month. Inclement weather and the conclusion of some large projects were partially responsible for the decrease. The release of summer workers who returned to school also contributed to the drop.

HOURS, EARNINGS RISE

There were 5,335,300 manufacturing production workers in Texas at mid-September, an increase of 22,800 from the August level. At mid-September, the average production worker was earning $9.17 an hour for a 41.9 hour week, and averaging $384.22 per week. Average hourly earnings rose 5¢ over the month, while hours worked increased by 0.1 hour, pushing average weekly earnings up by $3.00. Although hourly wages were up in both the durable and nondurable goods sectors, the nondurable portion was responsible for the upward movement in hours worked, as industries such as petroleum refining reported additional overtime worked in September.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1984	Sep. 1983
Total Population	16,401,000	15,928,200
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.3	2.3
UI Covered Employers	304,741	293,445
Total Claims Actions	368,084	582,428
Total Initial Claims Actions	53,329	63,953
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	314,755	518,475
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$133.14	$134.17
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$38,830,719	$69,235,678
Total Placements	45,130	41,976

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Reviews

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES MODERATELY

The number of jobless Texans declined by 47,300 in the actual series between September and October, with a total of 422,700 unemployed in mid-October. The actual unemployment rate dropped from 5.8 percent in September to 5.3 percent in October. The number of people holding jobs rose by 23,700 over the month, to total 7,628,500 in mid-October.

Comparison to year-ago levels reveals a significant difference in both employment and unemployment. Approximately half a million additional Texans found employment between October 1983 and October 1984, and unemployment had dropped by 109,100 over the year. The year-ago actual employment rate was 6.9 percent, considerably above the current rate.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,250.0	113,843.0	112,042.0
Unemployment	7,989.0	8,051.0	9,383.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.1	8.4
Total Employment	106,261.0	105,792.0	102,659.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	114,017.0	113,699.0	111,866.0
Unemployment	8,431.0	8,460.0	9,896.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.4	8.8
Total Employment	105,586.0	105,239.0	101,970.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,051.2	8,074.8	7,660.6
Unemployment	422.7	470.0	531.8
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.8	6.9
Total Employment	7,628.5	7,604.8	7,128.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,047.0	8,058.0	7,666.0
Unemployment	456.0	450.0	574.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.6	7.5
Total Employment	7,591.0	7,608.0	7,092.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State remained fairly constant over the month, moving from 5.6 percent in September to 5.7 percent in October. The over-the-year change was substantial, as the October 1983 rate was 7.5 percent. The U.S. seasonally adjusted rate remained unchanged over the month at 7.4 percent, but was still well below the year-ago rate of 8.8 percent. The actual rate declined slightly from 7.1 percent to 7.0 percent over the month. The actual rate for October 1983 was 8.4 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS ADVANCE MODERATELY

Primarily on the strength of seasonal increases in the educational sectors, nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 19,600 between September and October. The largest gains occurred in government as both the state and local segments reported substantial additions. The hiring of substitute teachers, student aides and support personnel to complete staffing for the fall semester pushed employment up by 21,700 over the month in government.

Similar increases among private schools and colleges generated sizeable growth in educational services. This gain, along with smaller ones in personal services and

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,000	58,000	58,300	79,800	80,100	78,600	306,500	304,900	287,400
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,400	9,600	9,700	9,600	36,400	36,500	33,900
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,800	4,000	4,200	21,100	21,100	17,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,500	8,100	8,100	8,000
Trade	15,200	15,200	15,000	24,100	24,200	23,200	69,200	69,000	64,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,500	4,600	4,300	19,400	19,400	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,600	14,800	14,800	14,700	62,600	62,400	58,300
Government	9,800	9,800	9,600	14,600	14,400	14,100	88,800	87,500	86,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	141,300	141,200	141,000	62,600	62,900	63,100	49,000	47,700	46,700
Manufacturing	31,100	31,100	32,000	10,300	10,800	10,800	3,200	3,200	3,100
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,600	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,300	9,500	9,900	3,300	3,200	3,700	3,400	3,500	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,600	11,700	11,600	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trade	33,900	34,000	32,900	17,300	17,300	17,200	10,800	10,500	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	27,100	26,800	26,200	11,200	11,200	11,100	6,900	7,000	6,600
Government	20,000	19,800	20,200	14,100	14,000	13,900	19,900	18,700	18,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,800	130,600	127,400	1,675.2	1,672,8	1,611.1	169,700	168,300	164,900
Manufacturing	14,800	14,800	14,300	321.1	321.9	311.0	39,500	38,700	36,000
Mining	7,500	7,600	7,200	28.1	28.0	28.5	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,600	9,500	103.3	104.0	99.2	9,200	9,300	8,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,400	7,400	100.5	100.9	97.5	9,700	9,600	9,800
Trade	33,200	33,100	32,000	449.7	447.7	433.9	41,100	41,100	39,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,300	6,600	6,600	139.9	139.5	130.2	8,000	7,900	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,600	24,200	23,900	340.5	340.9	323.0	27,800	28,100	27,900
Government	27,300	27,300	26,500	192.1	189.9	187.8	34,400	33,600	34,600
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	71,600	70,800	69,500	1,529.5	1,527.4	1,502.6	63,700	63,500	61,000
Manufacturing	9,900	9,900	10,400	198.7	199.0	198.3	8,900	8,700	8,600
Mining	800	800	700	101.0	100.6	97.6	--	--	--
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,500	123.9	124.4	138.0	3,800	4,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	6,300	107.1	107.3	103.3	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,600	371.7	372.1	362.6	15,300	15,300	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	110.6	110.7	105.0	2,600	2,600	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,500	10,600	331.9	332.9	316.3	11,400	11,400	11,100
Government	22,500	21,400	19,900	184.6	180.4	181.5	18,600	18,400	18,000

2/ In Thousands

hotels and other lodging places, gave services an overall advance of 1,100 in October, despite losses in other sectors. The largest reduction occurred in the business services segment of business and repair services. This segment includes temporary help agencies, which had reported strong growth during the summer months. Seasonal declines were reported in amusement, including motion pictures, as outdoor activities were curtailed.

The beginning of hiring for the holidays boosted employment in trade over the month. Although the wholesale portion remained stable in October, the retail sector contributed 1,700 new jobs. The two industries primarily responsible for the increase were general merchandise stores, which traditionally begins hiring for Christmas fairly early, and food stores. Small seasonal decreases in building materials and garden supplies and in automotive dealers and service stations moderated the overall retail trade growth slightly.

Finance, insurance and real estate dropped 100 jobs over the month, as a minor increase in other finance, insurance and real estate was cancelled by an equal decline in banking and a small decrease among insurance carriers, agents and brokers. The continued consolidation of several oil companies produced further declines in the oil and gas extraction portion of mining. With the merger of these companies, superflous jobs were deleted and payrolls were pared, as normal separations and retirements were not replaced.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**
		LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK	
TOTAL	30,700	30,300	29,900	67,400	67,500	67,500	93,400	92,700	92,000
Manufacturing	1,800	1,700	1,800	14,900	14,900	14,600	9,400	9,400	10,900
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,200	4,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,300	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,900	4,700	4,700
Trade	9,500	9,300	9,000	17,300	17,300	17,100	27,400	27,100	26,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	4,800	5,000	4,800	10,900	10,900	11,200	19,800	19,800	18,900
Government	7,100	7,100	7,300	8,500	8,600	8,300	21,800	21,400	21,000
		MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA	
TOTAL	78,100	77,100	77,600	59,000	58,300	52,300	61,200	60,100	55,800
Manufacturing	10,300	9,800	9,500	3,900	4,100	3,500	5,900	5,800	6,200
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	13,300	13,200	12,200	8,800	8,800	8,800
Construction	4,900	4,900	5,200	3,700	3,600	3,700	4,700	4,500	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000
Trade	23,900	23,800	24,600	14,600	14,100	12,300	19,400	18,900	15,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,100	4,100	3,600	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,500	11,100	10,400	10,400	8,700	9,600	9,500	8,300
Government	20,000	19,700	20,000	6,000	5,900	5,400	7,600	7,400	7,100
		SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON	
TOTAL	38,200	38,200	37,400	462,600	461,200	442,600	35,000	35,300	34,500
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,600	51,300	51,500	49,200	11,800	12,000	11,400
Mining	800	800	900	3,700	3,700	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,400	32,600	32,700	31,500	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,800	3,700	19,000	18,800	18,400	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,600	9,600	8,900	121,800	122,000	113,400	7,300	7,300	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,600	33,200	31,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,800	7,400	100,200	99,800	95,800	6,100	6,200	6,300
Government	6,800	6,600	6,900	100,400	99,500	99,200	4,900	4,900	4,800
		TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/	
TOTAL	48,000	48,400	46,400	58,300	58,700	57,600	28,000	28,400	28,200
Manufacturing	9,400	9,400	8,600	12,400	12,500	11,700	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,400	2,300	2,600
Construction	1,900	2,200	2,000	2,300	2,500	2,600	2,300	2,400	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,800	1,900	2,100	2,800	2,900	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	11,000	11,200	10,800	14,700	14,900	14,500	7,300	7,700	7,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	9,000	8,800	8,300	11,900	11,800	11,700	5,600	5,600	5,300
Government	13,100	13,100	12,800	8,100	8,000	8,100	4,200	4,200	4,200
		WACO			WICHITA FALLS				
TOTAL	78,600	78,200	75,500	53,800	54,100	53,200			
Manufacturing	16,000	16,200	15,700	9,600	9,800	9,000			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,300	3,200			
Construction	4,200	4,300	3,900	2,000	2,000	2,200			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	20,400	20,400	19,000	13,500	13,500	13,300			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,500	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	18,100	17,700	17,400	9,400	9,400	9,300			
Government	11,800	11,500	11,800	10,700	10,700	10,900			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

Small, scattered losses throughout most sectors of transportation and public utilities curtailed employment over the month. The largest of the declines was in communication, but transportation also lost jobs in October. The only segment which recorded an increase was electric, gas and sanitary services.

The completion of some projects, combined with normal seasonal declines, further depressed employment in construction in October. Although construction is booming in many of the metropolitan areas, on a Statewide basis this industry has dropped 23,100 jobs since October 1983 and has decreased by 46,900, or 10.5 percent, since its high point in July 1982.

Manufacturing declined by 1,500 jobs over the month, as the volatile durable goods sector registered several moderate losses and nondurable goods decreased minimally. The largest of the durable goods drops occurred in transportation equipment, where temporary layoffs were reported in motor vehicles and equipment and in ship and boat building and repair.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Oct. 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983	Change From Sep. 1984	Change From Oct. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,393,400	6,373,800	6,228,200	19,600	165,200
Manufacturing	996,000	997,500	966,400	-1,500	29,600
Durable Goods	577,500	578,800	551,500	-1,300	26,000
Lumber & Wood Products	41,500	42,100	41,300	-600	200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,400	7,600	7,500	-200	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	18,100	18,000	17,500	100	600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,000	48,300	47,500	-300	500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,200	23,000	21,700	200	1,500
Primary Metal Industries	35,700	36,000	33,600	-300	2,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,800	82,700	80,600	100	2,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,100	45,000	44,700	100	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	137,900	137,100	129,200	800	8,700
Oil Field Machinery	46,000	45,700	41,000	300	5,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	104,900	105,400	95,800	-500	9,100
Transportation Equipment	73,300	74,000	71,600	-700	1,700
Aircraft & Parts	37,600	37,600	37,300	0	300
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	23,100	22,100	-100	900
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,300	12,100	12,300	200	0
Nondurable Goods	418,500	418,700	414,900	-200	3,600
Food & Kindred Products	99,400	98,800	96,400	600	3,000
Meat Products	25,900	25,100	25,100	800	800
Dairy Products	5,000	5,100	5,000	-100	0
Bakery Products	13,100	12,700	11,300	400	1,800
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,900	5,000	4,800	-100	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,500	60,800	61,100	-300	-600
Paper & Allied Products	22,400	22,200	21,700	200	700
Printing & Publishing	71,800	72,100	69,700	-300	2,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,500	35,700	35,000	-200	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,400	76,600	77,100	-200	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,500	42,500	43,900	0	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,200	39,300	40,700	-100	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,100	8,600	0	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,600	31,600	-100	900
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,397,400	5,376,300	5,261,800	21,100	135,600
Mining	271,300	271,800	259,600	-500	11,700
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,300	261,800	249,900	-500	11,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,000	10,000	9,700	0	300
Construction	399,300	401,500	422,400	-2,200	-23,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,400	385,000	371,500	-600	12,900
Railroad Transportation	25,500	25,700	24,600	-200	900
Transportation, Except Railroads	185,000	185,200	172,900	-200	12,100
Transportation by Air	35,100	35,200	34,900	-100	200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,100	96,400	95,400	-300	700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,800	77,700	78,600	100	-800
Electric Services	43,700	43,600	43,800	100	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	28,800	28,800	29,600	0	-800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,605,100	1,603,400	1,571,100	1,700	34,000
Wholesale Trade	443,500	443,500	435,000	0	8,500
Retail Trade	1,161,600	1,159,900	1,136,100	1,700	25,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,300	54,700	52,800	-400	1,500
General Merchandise Stores	148,800	146,800	147,400	2,000	1,400
Food Stores	212,700	211,700	203,200	1,000	9,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,600	134,300	131,200	-700	2,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,400	77,200	76,900	200	500
Other Retail Trade	534,800	535,200	524,600	-400	10,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406,200	406,300	395,400	-100	10,800
Banking	103,900	104,100	102,400	-200	1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,800	124,900	122,600	-100	2,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,500	177,300	170,400	200	7,100
Services	1,239,100	1,238,000	1,194,700	1,100	44,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	78,100	77,300	76,600	800	1,500
Personal Services	76,200	75,100	72,000	1,100	4,200
Business & Repair Services	332,200	334,500	312,500	-2,300	19,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,000	53,700	50,400	-700	2,600
Health Services	344,800	344,900	340,100	-100	4,700
Educational Services	67,300	64,700	64,000	2,600	3,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	287,500	287,800	279,100	-300	8,400
Total Government	1,092,000	1,070,300	1,047,100	21,700	44,900
Total Federal Government	182,900	182,900	176,000	0	6,900
Total State Government	229,100	220,400	219,500	8,700	9,600
Total Local Government	680,000	667,000	651,600	13,000	28,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**	Oct.'84*	Sep.'84**	Oct.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,100	79,000	77,300	104,300	104,400	99,100	362,200	360,900	328,600
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,100	3,500	4,500	4,700	4,500	11,200	12,200	12,500
Percent Unemployed	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.5	3.1	3.4	3.8
Total Employment 2/	76,200	75,900	73,800	99,800	99,700	94,600	351,000	348,700	316,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	180,900	182,100	178,100	93,000	94,700	91,400	60,300	58,900	55,800
Total Unemployment	17,600	19,400	21,500	11,200	12,600	12,300	1,900	2,100	2,200
Percent Unemployed	9.7	10.7	12.1	12.0	13.3	13.5	3.2	3.6	3.9
Total Employment 2/	163,300	162,700	156,600	81,800	82,100	79,100	58,400	56,800	53,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,400	169,900	164,700	1,953.6	1,955.9	1,825.2	206,700	206,900	196,200
Total Unemployment	12,000	13,600	17,200	67.2	74.5	81.4	19,000	20,800	20,800
Percent Unemployed	7.1	8.0	10.4	3.4	3.8	4.5	9.2	10.1	10.6
Total Employment 2/	157,400	156,300	147,500	1,886.4	1,881.4	1,743.8	187,700	186,100	175,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	96,600	95,900	91,900	1,807.8	1,816.8	1,752.7	79,700	79,300	73,800
Total Unemployment	8,100	8,800	9,500	103.1	115.8	144.4	4,300	4,200	4,300
Percent Unemployed	8.4	9.2	10.3	5.7	6.4	8.2	5.4	5.3	5.8
Total Employment 2/	88,500	87,100	82,400	1,704.7	1,701.0	1,608.3	75,400	75,100	69,500
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	38,500	39,000	39,200	80,500	81,000	79,900	117,800	117,700	114,500
Total Unemployment	5,300	6,000	8,500	5,600	6,300	7,800	5,100	5,800	6,800
Percent Unemployed	13.8	15.4	21.7	7.0	7.8	9.8	4.3	4.9	5.9
Total Employment 2/	33,200	33,000	30,700	74,900	74,700	72,100	112,700	111,900	107,700
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	119,500	119,900	116,700	76,200	75,300	66,900	80,600	79,600	73,300
Total Unemployment	22,800	25,800	22,400	2,500	2,600	3,700	3,200	3,500	5,600
Percent Unemployed	19.1	21.5	19.2	3.3	3.5	5.5	4.0	4.4	7.6
Total Employment 2/	96,700	94,100	94,300	73,700	72,700	63,200	77,400	76,100	67,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,700	53,000	49,900	547,400	547,800	509,000	41,700	41,800	40,000
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,300	2,300	24,800	27,200	28,300	2,000	2,100	2,500
Percent Unemployed	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.6	4.8	5.0	6.3
Total Employment 2/	50,700	50,700	47,600	522,600	520,600	480,700	39,700	39,700	37,500
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,500	54,700	52,000	80,600	80,500	77,500	37,100	38,300	37,500
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,200	4,400	3,300	3,600	4,200	1,900	2,100	3,100
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.7	8.5	4.1	4.5	5.4	5.1	5.5	8.3
Total Employment 2/	50,500	50,500	47,600	77,300	76,900	73,300	35,200	36,200	34,400
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	98,700	97,800	91,500	70,500	71,400	68,000	8,051.2	8,074.8	7,660.6
Total Unemployment	5,000	4,500	4,500	2,900	3,600	3,900	422.7	470.0	531.8
Percent Unemployed	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.1	5.0	5.7	5.3	5.8	6.9
Total Employment 2/	93,700	93,300	87,000	67,600	67,800	64,100	7,628.5	7,604.8	7,128.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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JOB INJURY INFORMATION

The November meeting of the Job Injury Interagency Council and Advisory Committee approved 17 recommendations to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, and Members of the Texas Legislature. The recommendations include approving appropriations for two joint Texas/U. S. Department of Labor job injury statistical programs (Texas presently compiles no accident prevention information); a continuing coordination of state job safety functions; and specific programs for agriculture, construction and state government employees.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.± 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983	Oct.± 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983	Oct.± 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$378.90	$384.64	$371.84	41.5	41.9	41.5	$ 9.13	$ 9.18	$ 8.96
Durable Goods	373.50	379.61	362.61	41.5	41.9	41.3	9.00	9.06	8.78
Lumber & Wood Products	257.20	258.70	250.74	40.0	39.8	39.8	6.43	6.50	6.30
Furniture & Fixtures	233.05	231.67	235.57	39.5	39.2	40.2	5.90	5.91	5.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	357.42	374.95	359.82	42.0	43.7	43.3	8.51	8.58	8.31
Primary Metal Industries	403.10	409.45	385.77	40.8	41.4	38.5	9.88	9.89	10.02
Fabricated Metal Products	355.14	356.83	363.12	41.2	41.3	40.8	8.62	8.64	8.90
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.68	398.47	359.84	42.7	42.8	41.6	9.29	9.31	8.65
Oil Field Machinery	487.17	487.71	435.77	44.9	45.2	41.7	10.85	10.79	10.45
Electric & Electronic Equip.	406.39	418.82	385.22	42.2	43.0	42.1	9.63	9.74	9.15
Transportation Equipment	494.68	505.20	480.38	41.5	42.1	41.7	11.92	12.00	11.52
Instruments & Rel. Prod.	293.73	296.35	322.00	38.7	39.2	40.1	7.59	7.56	8.03
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	282.73	279.73	309.40	41.7	40.6	42.5	6.78	6.89	7.28
Nondurable Goods	385.43	391.35	384.56	41.4	41.9	41.8	9.31	9.34	9.20
Food & Kindred Products	337.55	344.76	331.87	43.0	44.2	43.1	7.85	7.80	7.70
Meat Products	281.55	295.55	290.00	44.2	45.4	42.9	6.37	6.51	6.76
Malt Beverages	750.29	722.95	639.79	46.4	45.1	43.2	16.17	16.03	14.81
Textile Mill Products	261.36	270.66	259.79	39.6	40.7	41.5	6.60	6.65	6.26
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	196.45	189.88	186.31	38.9	37.9	38.1	5.05	5.01	4.89
Paper & Allied Products	440.20	449.91	419.78	44.6	45.4	44.8	9.87	9.91	9.37
Printing & Publishing	348.25	353.16	345.42	39.8	40.5	40.4	8.75	8.72	8.55
Chemicals & Allied Products	596.31	606.48	599.94	41.7	42.8	42.7	14.30	14.17	14.05
Petroleum & Coal Products	601.08	624.52	617.89	42.3	43.1	43.3	14.21	14.49	14.27
Petroleum Refining	618.43	642.82	630.12	42.3	43.2	43.1	14.62	14.88	14.62
Leather & Leather Products	198.17	198.29	206.40	35.9	35.6	40.0	5.52	5.57	5.16
Other Nondurable Goods	366.80	373.66	374.41	42.9	42.9	44.1	8.55	8.71	8.49
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	496.19	496.89	476.90	46.2	46.7	45.9	10.74	10.64	10.39
Oil & Gas Extraction	499.58	499.69	481.03	46.3	46.7	45.9	10.79	10.70	10.48
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, exc. Fuel	407.28	430.54	377.80	43.7	46.9	45.3	9.32	9.18	8.34
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	442.70	444.91	429.26	40.1	40.3	39.6	11.04	11.04	10.84
Elec., Gas & San. Services	433.82	438.69	427.81	39.8	40.1	40.9	10.90	10.94	10.46
Wholesale & Retail Trade	235.28	237.01	231.54	34.0	34.3	34.1	6.92	6.91	6.79
Wholesale Trade	366.16	368.80	361.27	39.8	40.0	39.7	9.20	9.22	9.10
Retail Trade	189.76	190.57	185.47	32.0	32.3	32.2	5.93	5.90	5.76
General Merchandise Stores	160.34	157.11	163.69	29.1	29.7	29.6	5.51	5.29	5.53
Banking	260.02	266.85	248.18	39.1	39.3	38.3	6.65	6.79	6.48

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$367.92	$375.84	$365.56	41.2	41.9	41.4	$ 8.93	$ 8.97	$ 8.83
Durable Goods	382.23	389.48	380.69	41.1	41.7	41.2	9.30	9.34	9.24
Nondurable Goods	336.18	346.01	331.89	41.3	42.3	41.8	8.14	8.18	7.94
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	472.84	483.78	455.15	43.3	44.1	42.3	10.92	10.97	10.76
Durable Goods	425.20	433.34	398.05	43.7	44.4	41.9	9.73	9.76	9.50
Nondurable Goods	537.57	552.32	527.30	42.8	43.8	42.8	12.56	12.61	12.32
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	272.97	281.25	274.23	40.5	41.3	41.3	6.74	6.81	6.64
Durable Goods	294.65	302.70	295.94	41.5	42.1	41.8	7.10	7.19	7.08
Nondurable Goods	250.19	258.16	252.14	39.4	40.4	40.8	6.35	6.39	6.18

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Electric and electronic equipment also recorded over-the-month job losses, and the reduction of orders pushed employment down in lumber and wood products. Smaller decreases were noted in primary metal industries, in stone, clay and glass products, and in instruments and related products.

Interspersed gains and losses within nondurable goods left the category as a whole down 200 jobs in October. Both the meat products and the dairy products segments of food and kindred products reported additions over the month, for an overall increase of 600. Continued seasonal layoffs held employment down in apparel and other finished textile products. Other decreases were reported in printing and publishing, chemicals and allied products, and textile mill products.

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HOURS, EARNINGS DROP

For the first time since May, both average hourly earnings and average weekly hours worked by manufacturing production workers declined between September and October. The number of manufacturing production workers also decreased by 2,800 over the month, from 669,500 in September to 666,700 in October. In mid-October, the average worker was earning $9.13 an hour for a 41.5-hour week, with average weekly earnings of $378.90. Average weekly hours decreased by 0.4 hour between September and October, while average hourly earnings declined by 5¢, dropping average weekly earnings by $5.74. Average weekly hours were unchanged from October 1983, but average hourly earnings had risen 17¢, and average weekly earnings increased $8.06. The decline over the month in the number of hours worked was reflected in both durable and nondurable goods sectors, while the durable goods sector had the largest decrease in hourly earnings.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Third Quarter
July-September 1984

Abilene	$ 731,482
Amarillo	1,447,057
Austin	1,932,726
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	8,344,875
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	2,945,505
Bryan-College Station	542,891
Corpus Christi	4,226,056
Dallas-Fort Worth	15,343,453
El Paso	5,711,259
Galveston-Texas City	3,150,272
Houston	41,900,809
Killeen-Temple	600,051
Laredo	1,461,305
Longview-Marshall	1,954,040
Lubbock	1,196,422
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	5,892,260
Midland	621,338
Odessa	907,071
San Angelo	365,383
San Antonio	5,020,928
Sherman-Denison	482,714
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	514,809
Tyler	960,131
Victoria	454,456
Waco	1,041,551
Wichita Falls	680,565

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1983
Total Population	16,438,100	15,974,500
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.3	1.8
UI Covered Employers	305,214	294,073
Total Claims Actions	451,367	524,569
Total Initial Claims Actions	73,278	64,804
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	378,089	459,765
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$133.30	$133.24
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$42,472,021	$56,577,697
Total Placements	45,171**	40,281

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.
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TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION DECEMBER 1984 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT UP SLIGHTLY

The State's civilian labor force was relatively unchanged between October and November, as back-to-school staffing was completed in October and hiring for Christmas was just beginning. Unemployment rose moderately in the actual series, with an additional 12,400 job-seekers entering the labor force over the month. Unemployment totaled 435,100 in mid-November, as the rate inched upward from 5.3 percent in October to 5.4 percent in November.

The current rate was substantially below the year-ago rate of 6.8 percent, and was the lowest for any November since 1979. Total employment in the actual series declined somewhat over the month, as the number of resident job-holders totaled 7,549,000 in November.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,115.0	114,250.0	112,147.0
Unemployment	7,869.0	7,989.0	9,129.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.0	8.1
Total Employment	106,246.0	106,261.0	103,018.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	114,026.0	114,017.0	112,035.0
Unemployment	8,154.0	8,431.0	9,429.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.4	8.4
Total Employment	105,872.0	105,586.0	102,606.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,984.1	8,051.2	7,665.9
Unemployment	435.1	422.7	521.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.3	6.8
Total Employment	7,549.0	7,628.5	7,144.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,991.0	8,047.0	7,657.0
Unemployment	454.0	456.0	533.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.7	7.0
Total Employment	7,537.0	7,591.0	7,124.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate remained stable between October and November at 5.7 percent. The Nation's adjusted rate declined slightly, from 7.4 percent to 7.2 percent, over the month. A smaller change occurred in the actual U. S. rate, which slid from 7.0 percent in October to 6.9 percent in November.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES

Solely on the strength of employment gains in the nonmanufacturing sector, the count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs rose by 14,700 over the month, totaling 6,413,400 in mid-November. A large portion of the increase was seasonal in nature, as employers began hiring for Christmas.

Leading the gains was retail trade, which generated over 10,000 jobs between October and November, as staffing for Christmas began. General merchandise stores contributed the largest number of hires, but apparel and accessory stores and other retail trade (which includes jewelry and toy stores) also showed sizeable growth. More moderate gains occurred among food stores.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,900	58,000	58,100	79,700	79,600	78,600	308,300	306,600	288,500
Manufacturing	6,000	5,900	6,400	9,100	9,200	9,600	36,400	36,400	34,000
Mining	3,900	4,000	4,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,700	3,700	4,000	21,300	21,100	17,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,500	8,200	8,100	8,100
Trade	15,200	15,200	15,100	24,400	24,300	23,300	70,100	69,300	65,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,600	4,600	4,300	19,500	19,500	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,400	14,900	14,800	14,500	63,000	62,800	58,400
Government	9,800	9,800	9,500	14,600	14,600	14,400	88,900	88,500	86,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	140,900	141,200	140,900	62,900	62,800	63,300	48,700	49,000	46,600
Manufacturing	30,800	31,100	31,900	10,200	10,300	10,900	3,200	3,200	3,000
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,600	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,100	9,300	10,000	3,400	3,300	3,600	3,300	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,700	11,500	3,200	3,300	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trade	34,400	34,000	33,300	17,600	17,300	17,400	10,600	10,700	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,500	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,000	2,000	1,900
Services & Misc.	26,400	26,800	25,900	11,200	11,300	11,000	6,900	6,900	6,600
Government	20,200	20,000	20,200	14,100	14,100	14,000	19,800	19,900	19,000
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,200	130,700	127,300	1679.1	1678.7	1613.2	169,800	169,800	164,600
Manufacturing	14,700	14,800	14,200	316.9	321.6	311.0	39,300	39,500	36,100
Mining	7,400	7,500	7,100	28.1	28.0	28.3	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,700	9,600	103.5	103.3	99.6	9,200	9,200	8,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,400	7,500	101.0	100.6	97.5	9,400	9,700	9,800
Trade	33,100	33,200	32,000	455.6	450.8	437.4	41,700	41,100	39,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,400	6,500	140.5	140.1	129.7	7,900	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,400	24,500	23,800	340.7	342.8	320.4	28,000	27,900	27,700
Government	27,100	27,200	26,600	192.8	191.5	189.3	34,300	34,400	34,600
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	71,400	71,400	69,200	1534.8	1530.8	1509.0	63,700	63,700	61,000
Manufacturing	10,000	9,900	10,500	198.0	198.3	197.2	8,700	8,900	8,600
Mining	800	800	700	101.4	100.8	98.2	--	--	--
Construction	4,300	4,400	4,400	124.9	123.4	136.8	3,800	3,800	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,900	5,700	6,100	106.4	106.3	104.7	3,200	3,100	3,000
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,600	375.0	373.6	366.2	15,500	15,300	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	111.2	110.9	104.9	2,600	2,600	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,400	10,500	332.7	332.7	318.5	11,400	11,400	11,100
Government	22,200	22,300	19,900	185.2	184.8	182.5	18,500	18,600	17,900

2/ In Thousands

The government sector added over 7,000 jobs over the month, with expansion in all segments. Local and state government continued to add workers in the education sector, as additional substitute teachers and student aides were hired. In the federal segment, the Post Office began augmenting its work force in anticipation of the Christmas rush.

Mining employment rose over the month for the first time since August. Over 1,000 jobs were added, with oil and gas extraction providing most of the expansion. Finance, insurance and real estate recorded a moderate gain over the month, with the primary growth occurring among insurance carriers, agents and brokers. Transportation and public utilities changed very little over the month, with an increase of 300 in transportation, except railroads, countered by smaller losses in railroad transportation and in electric, gas and sanitary services.

Intermixed gains and losses brought employment in services to a virtual standstill in November. The cessation of most outdoor activities was responsible for a sizeable downturn in amusement, including motion pictures. Smaller losses were noted in health services and in hotels and other lodging places over the month. A substantial increase in personal services was not sufficient to overcome these larger decreases.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	31,200	31,000	29,700	67,400	67,300	67,600	93,800	93,100	91,900
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,900	15,000	14,900	14,700	9,500	9,300	9,600
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,700	4,800	4,700	4,400	4,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	5,100	4,900	5,000
Trade	9,400	9,500	8,900	17,200	17,100	17,300	27,800	27,500	26,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,500	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	5,000	4,900	4,700	10,900	10,900	11,100	19,300	19,500	19,100
Government	7,300	7,200	7,200	8,500	8,500	8,300	21,800	21,600	21,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	79,600	78,500	79,700	59,400	58,800	51,500	60,800	60,400	56,200
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,400	4,100	4,000	3,600	5,900	5,900	6,100
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	13,300	13,200	11,000	8,600	8,600	9,000
Construction	4,900	4,900	5,200	3,600	3,700	3,500	4,500	4,500	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,900	3,000	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,800
Trade	24,900	24,000	25,800	14,500	14,300	12,600	19,300	19,100	16,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,100	4,100	3,700	2,400	2,300	2,200
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,600	11,100	10,700	10,400	8,800	9,500	9,600	8,300
Government	20,100	20,000	20,000	6,200	6,100	5,400	7,600	7,500	7,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	38,500	38,300	37,500	464,500	462,100	443,400	35,000	35,000	34,800
Manufacturing	5,600	5,500	5,600	51,500	51,400	49,700	11,700	11,800	11,500
Mining	800	800	900	3,700	3,700	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,400	2,400	2,400	32,300	32,600	31,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,700	18,600	19,000	18,500	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	9,900	9,700	9,000	123,400	121,200	113,900	7,300	7,300	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,400	33,400	31,800	1,400	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,700	7,500	100,200	100,100	95,100	6,100	6,100	6,300
Government	6,800	6,800	6,800	101,400	100,700	99,700	4,900	4,900	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	48,300	48,000	46,100	58,400	58,300	57,800	28,300	28,000	28,000
Manufacturing	9,300	9,200	8,600	12,300	12,400	11,900	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,400	2,400	2,600
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,900	2,400	2,300	2,500	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	11,300	11,100	10,700	14,700	14,700	14,600	7,600	7,300	7,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	9,200	9,200	8,300	11,900	11,900	11,600	5,500	5,600	5,200
Government	13,200	13,200	12,800	8,200	8,100	8,100	4,300	4,200	4,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	78,400	78,600	75,900	54,000	53,900	53,500			
Manufacturing	15,700	16,000	15,600	9,600	9,700	9,100			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,200	3,300			
Construction	4,100	4,200	4,000	2,100	2,000	2,200			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	20,400	20,400	19,200	13,600	13,500	13,400			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,600	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	18,200	18,100	17,500	9,400	9,400	9,300			
Government	11,900	11,800	11,800	10,700	10,700	10,900			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

For the first time since June, construction employment increased substantially in November. Some 1,100 jobs were created over the month as more favorable economic conditions prevailed. Although construction activity remains strong in some areas of the State (Austin and Dallas-Fort Worth, for example), many other metropolitan areas have "overbuilt" both office space and housing. For many construction workers, therefore, when a current project is completed there is often no new job waiting. As shown by the chart on page 7, this industry has declined significantly during the past two years and shows no immediate signs of turning around.

Declines in several durable and nondurable goods sectors dropped employment in manufacturing by 6,000 over the month. The durable goods group lost 6,800 jobs in November, due primarily to a labor-management dispute in the aircraft and parts segment of transportation equipment which idled 4,600. The slump in construction was partially responsible for the reduced demand and scattered layoffs in lumber and wood products which cut 1,300 positions over the month.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Nov. 1984*	Oct. 1984**	Nov. 1983**	Change From Oct. 1984	Change From Nov. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,413,400	6,398,700	6,248,500	14,700	164,900
Manufacturing	989,000	995,000	967,200	-6,000	21,800
Durable Goods	570,300	577,100	551,400	-6,800	18,900
Lumber & Wood Products	40,000	41,300	41,000	-1,300	-1,000
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,400	7,600	-300	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	18,000	18,100	17,200	-100	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,600	48,100	47,200	-500	400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,900	23,100	21,700	-200	1,200
Primary Metal Industries	35,400	35,900	33,600	-500	1,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,300	82,500	80,500	-200	1,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,900	44,900	44,600	0	300
Machinery, Except Electrical	137,700	137,500	129,000	200	8,700
Oil Field Machinery	46,600	46,000	41,100	600	5,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	105,100	104,900	96,400	200	8,700
Transportation Equipment	69,100	73,600	72,100	-4,500	-3,000
Aircraft & Parts	32,900	37,500	37,300	-4,600	-4,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,900	22,900	22,200	0	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,300	12,200	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	418,700	417,900	415,800	800	2,700
Food & Kindred Products	100,200	99,600	97,400	600	2,800
Meat Products	25,300	25,500	25,100	-200	200
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Bakery Products	13,700	13,100	12,100	600	1,600
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	59,700	59,900	60,900	-200	-1,200
Paper & Allied Products	22,300	22,300	21,700	0	600
Printing & Publishing	72,400	71,800	70,100	600	2,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	35,500	35,400	400	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,300	76,400	77,100	-100	-800
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,200	42,300	43,600	-100	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,000	39,100	40,300	-100	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,100	8,500	100	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,600	31,700	-100	800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,424,400	5,403,700	5,281,300	20,700	143,100
Mining	272,600	271,300	262,000	1,300	10,600
Oil & Gas Extraction	262,500	261,400	252,300	1,100	10,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,100	9,900	9,700	200	400
Construction	402,200	401,100	420,400	1,100	-18,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,000	382,900	376,100	100	6,900
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,300	24,800	-100	400
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,200	183,900	175,900	300	8,300
Transportation by Air	35,000	35,100	35,700	-100	-700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,300	96,300	96,600	0	-300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,300	77,400	78,800	-100	-1,500
Electric Services	43,700	43,600	43,900	100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,300	28,500	29,700	-200	-1,400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,614,000	1,603,600	1,578,600	10,400	35,400
Wholesale Trade	444,100	444,000	435,100	100	9,000
Retail Trade	1,169,900	1,159,600	1,143,500	10,300	26,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,000	54,000	52,600	0	1,400
General Merchandise Stores	151,900	147,500	151,800	4,400	100
Food Stores	212,200	211,400	204,100	800	8,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,000	133,800	130,700	200	3,300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,200	77,000	79,000	2,200	200
Other Retail Trade	538,600	535,900	525,300	2,700	13,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406,700	406,100	396,800	600	9,900
Banking	103,800	103,800	102,500	0	1,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	125,200	124,800	122,700	400	2,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,700	177,500	171,600	200	6,100
Services	1,245,300	1,245,500	1,195,300	-200	50,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,300	77,500	76,200	-200	1,100
Personal Services	78,100	76,300	72,500	1,800	5,600
Business & Repair Services	336,100	335,200	313,200	900	22,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,500	57,200	50,100	-2,700	4,400
Health Services	343,700	344,100	339,600	-400	4,100
Educational Services	68,200	67,300	64,800	900	3,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	287,400	287,900	278,900	-500	8,500
Total Government	1,100,600	1,093,200	1,052,100	7,400	48,500
Total Federal Government	184,200	183,200	176,900	1,000	7,300
Total State Government	229,900	227,900	220,800	2,000	9,100
Total Local Government	686,500	682,100	654,400	4,400	32,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**	Nov.'84*	Oct.'84**	Nov.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,300	79,100	77,600	102,700	103,800	100,000	360,000	362,000	330,500
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,900	3,800	4,600	4,500	5,500	10,800	11,200	12,700
Percent Unemployed	3.7	3.7	4.9	4.5	4.3	5.5	3.0	3.1	3.8
Total Employment 2/	75,400	76,200	73,800	98,100	99,300	94,500	349,200	350,800	317,800
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,200	181,000	177,000	93,100	93,000	91,800	59,700	60,300	55,700
Total Unemployment	18,800	17,700	21,000	12,100	11,200	12,500	1,900	1,800	2,000
Percent Unemployed	10.5	9.8	11.9	13.0	12.0	13.6	3.2	3.0	3.6
Total Employment 2/	160,400	163,300	156,000	81,000	81,800	79,300	57,800	58,500	53,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	167,400	169,200	163,600	1,932.6	1,955.7	1,827.9	206,200	206,600	196,000
Total Unemployment	12,200	12,000	16,200	63.9	67.0	80.5	20,700	19,000	20,700
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.1	9.9	3.3	3.4	4.4	10.0	9.2	10.6
Total Employment 2/	155,200	157,200	147,400	1,868.7	1,888.7	1,747.4	185,500	187,600	175,300
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	96,100	96,400	91,300	1,796.2	1,808.9	1,752.7	78,500	79,700	74,000
Total Unemployment	8,900	8,100	9,000	105.8	103.3	136.6	3,900	4,300	4,200
Percent Unemployed	9.3	8.4	9.9	5.9	5.7	7.8	5.0	5.4	5.7
Total Employment 2/	87,200	88,300	82,300	1,690.4	1,705.6	1,616.1	74,600	75,400	69,800
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,000	38,600	39,300	79,400	80,400	79,600	116,900	117,400	115,700
Total Unemployment	5,800	5,300	8,300	5,600	5,600	7,400	4,900	5,100	8,400
Percent Unemployed	14.9	13.7	21.1	7.1	7.0	9.3	4.2	4.3	7.3
Total Employment 2/	33,200	33,300	31,000	73,800	74,800	72,200	112,000	112,300	107,300
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	123,700	120,100	117,600	75,600	75,800	65,900	79,500	79,800	73,800
Total Unemployment	26,100	22,800	21,000	2,400	2,500	3,500	3,300	3,200	5,500
Percent Unemployed	21.1	19.0	17.9	3.2	3.3	5.3	4.2	4.0	7.5
Total Employment 2/	97,600	97,300	96,600	73,200	73,300	62,400	76,200	76,600	68,300
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,000	53,000	50,300	543,700	546,800	511,100	41,300	41,700	40,300
Total Unemployment	1,800	2,000	2,600	24,200	24,800	27,700	2,100	2,000	2,600
Percent Unemployed	3.5	3.8	5.2	4.5	4.5	5.4	5.1	4.8	6.5
Total Employment 2/	50,200	51,000	47,700	519,500	522,000	483,400	39,200	39,700	37,700
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,300	54,600	52,000	80,100	80,600	77,900	37,300	37,100	37,300
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,000	4,500	3,600	3,300	4,300	2,000	1,900	3,100
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.3	8.7	4.5	4.1	5.5	5.4	5.1	8.3
Total Employment 2/	50,300	50,600	47,500	76,500	77,300	73,600	35,300	35,200	34,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	96,500	98,600	91,800	70,100	70,400	68,300	7,984.1	8,051.2	7,665.9
Total Unemployment	4,100	5,000	4,600	3,200	2,900	3,800	435.1	422.7	521.0
Percent Unemployed	4.2	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.1	5.6	5.4	5.3	6.8
Total Employment 2/	92,400	93,600	87,200	66,900	67,500	64,500	7,549.0	7,628.5	7,144.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

NOTICE! SEMINAR ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION COSTS

JANUARY 24, 1984 - THURSDAY - 8:30 to 5:00

The State Highway Building, 11th & Brazos, Austin

If you are interested in reducing job injuries and cutting costs of workers' compenstaion, you should attend this seminar. No Fee. Sponsored by the Job Injury Interagency Council and Avisory Commission.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.± 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov.± 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov.± 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$382.30	$377.98	$374.82	41.6	41.4	41.6	$ 9.19	$ 9.13	$ 9.01
Durable Goods	375.23	374.75	365.62	41.6	41.5	41.5	9.02	9.03	8.81
Lumber & Wood Products	261.05	257.11	251.20	40.1	39.8	40.0	6.51	6.46	6.28
Furniture & Fixtures	243.41	238.20	221.95	40.1	39.9	38.4	6.07	5.97	5.78
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	377.52	355.32	361.79	44.0	42.0	43.8	8.58	8.46	8.26
Primary Metal Industries	400.57	405.90	395.21	41.0	41.0	39.6	9.77	9.90	9.98
Fabricated Metal Products	355.97	356.01	364.08	41.2	41.3	41.0	8.64	8.62	8.88
Machinery, exc. Electric	392.20	395.75	367.56	42.4	42.6	42.2	9.25	9.29	8.71
Oil Field Machinery	480.97	488.88	451.31	44.7	45.1	42.9	10.76	10.84	10.52
Electric & Electronic Equip.	386.80	411.87	381.39	40.0	42.2	41.5	9.67	9.76	9.19
Transportation Equipment	514.51	496.65	492.80	43.2	41.7	42.3	11.91	11.91	11.65
Instruments & Rel. Prod.	298.72	290.31	314.02	39.1	38.3	39.4	7.64	7.58	7.97
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	280.14	288.65	296.49	42.0	42.2	41.7	6.67	6.84	7.11
Nondurable Goods	390.52	382.85	385.73	41.5	41.3	41.7	9.41	9.27	9.25
Food & Kindred Products	345.60	334.34	332.56	43.2	42.7	42.8	8.00	7.83	7.77
Meat Products	274.13	281.43	289.68	42.5	43.7	42.6	6.45	6.44	6.80
Malt Beverages	740.01	733.26	661.12	46.6	45.8	44.4	15.88	16.01	14.89
Textile Mill Products	273.21	265.46	264.09	40.9	40.1	41.2	6.68	6.62	6.41
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.34	193.27	184.57	39.0	38.5	37.9	5.06	5.02	4.87
Paper & Allied Products	437.12	439.90	425.93	43.8	44.3	44.6	9.98	9.93	9.55
Printing & Publishing	346.90	349.13	348.30	39.6	39.9	40.5	8.76	8.75	8.60
Chemicals & Allied Products	611.46	606.74	603.83	42.7	42.4	43.1	14.32	14.31	14.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	614.88	560.03	626.97	42.0	40.7	43.6	14.64	13.76	14.38
Petroleum Refining	633.78	575.91	640.76	42.0	40.7	43.5	15.09	14.15	14.73
Leather & Leather Products	193.82	199.97	196.99	36.5	37.1	38.4	5.31	5.39	5.13
Other Nondurable Goods	358.28	369.37	366.75	42.3	42.9	43.3	8.47	8.61	8.47
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	491.11	485.00	475.04	45.6	45.2	46.3	10.77	10.73	10.26
Oil & Gas Extraction	494.30	488.79	479.21	45.6	45.3	46.3	10.84	10.79	10.35
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, exc. Fuel	427.34	410.26	370.46	46.5	44.4	45.4	9.19	9.24	8.16
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	434.58	439.08	436.85	39.4	39.7	38.9	11.03	11.06	11.23
Elec., Gas & San. Services	443.60	434.81	427.14	40.0	39.6	42.0	11.09	10.98	10.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.22	232.88	233.57	33.9	33.8	34.5	6.85	6.89	6.77
Wholesale Trade	368.52	364.17	363.91	40.1	39.8	40.3	9.19	9.15	9.03
Retail Trade	185.08	187.03	186.95	31.8	31.7	32.4	5.82	5.90	5.77
General Merchandise Stores	159.05	158.42	161.32	29.4	29.5	29.6	5.41	5.37	5.45
Banking	259.07	261.19	246.57	38.9	39.1	39.2	6.66	6.68	6.29

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$362.20	$366.27	$369.93	41.3	41.2	41.8	$ 8.77	$ 8.89	$ 8.85
Durable Goods	373.10	381.51	385.73	41.0	41.2	41.7	9.10	9.26	9.25
Nondurable Goods	339.42	334.93	334.78	41.8	41.4	41.9	8.12	8.09	7.99
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	486.20	475.00	462.67	44.0	43.3	42.8	11.05	10.97	10.81
Durable Goods	432.99	425.30	403.12	44.5	43.8	42.3	9.73	9.71	9.53
Nondurable Goods	559.86	542.30	536.05	43.4	42.6	43.3	12.90	12.73	12.38
SAN ANTONIO	279.45	273.36	282.15	41.4	40.2	41.8	6.75	6.80	6.75
Manufacturing	302.45	294.88	303.84	42.3	41.3	42.2	7.15	7.14	7.20
Durable Goods	254.52	250.38	260.41	40.4	39.0	41.4	6.30	6.42	6.29
Nondurable Goods									

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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More moderate decreases occurred in stone, clay and glass products, also due in part to lagging construction activity. Primary metal industries also recorded a notable reduction over the month, while smaller declines were noted in fabricated metal industries and in furniture and fixtures.

Although nondurable goods as a whole managed a small advance, there were mixed increases and decreases within its component industries. The largest of the gains occurred in printing and publishing, as the publishing of books and calendars increased substantially preparatory to Christmas. Employment in bakery products also rose considerably over the month as workers were added to handle increased Holiday orders. Small decreases were fairly widespread throughout other nondurable industries such as apparel and other finished textile products, chemicals and allied products, and petroleum and coal products.

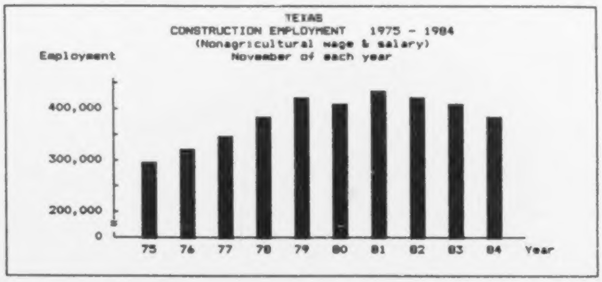
There were an estimated 664,800 manufacturing production workers in Texas in November, a decrease of 3,500 from the October figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS CLIMB

In November, an average manufacturing production worker was working 41.6 hours a week at $9.19 an hour, averaging $382.30 a week. Average weekly hours were up 0.2 hour from October, while average hourly earnings rose 6¢ over the month. Most of the increase in hourly earnings was generated by nondurable goods industries, as more overtime was worked at premium pay in sectors such as petroleum and coal products.

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

Total agricultural employment in Texas was estimated at 168,120 in mid-November. The number of farm workers was down considerably over the year, with the majority of the decline directly attributable to the December 1983 freeze which severly damaged the citrus crops in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.



TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983
Total Population	16,475,200	16,020,800
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.4	1.5
UI Covered Employers	305,190	294,843
Total Claims Actions	461,326	533,732
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,803	65,406
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	394,523	468,326
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$134.22	$134.67
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$44,906,925	$55,578,639
Total Placements	38,734**	36,365

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.
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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION JANUARY 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

The addition of 16,600 jobseekers between November and December pushed the actual Texas unemployment rate up from 5.4 to 5.6 percent at mid-December. Unemployment totaled 451,700 in December, while employment rose by 48,200 to a level of 7,597,200 in the actual series. Much of the growth in employment was seasonal, as businesses added workers to help with the Christmas rush. An excess of jobseekers occurred as the number of new jobs created was not sufficient to accommodate all those seeking work.

There were close to 100,000 fewer jobless in Texas in December 1984 than there were in December 1983, when unemployment totaled 548,400 and the actual rate was 7.1 percent. In the seasonally adjusted series, the unemployment rate climbed from 5.7 percent in November to 6.2 percent in December, but the current rate was also well below the year-ago 7.7 percent. There was little movement in the National statistics over the month, as the actual rate edged upward from 6.9 percent in November to 7.0 percent in December. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged, at 7.2 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,028.0	114,115.0	111,795.0
Unemployment	7,978.0	7,869.0	8,992.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	6.9	8.0
Total Employment	106,050.0	106,246.0	102,803.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	114,464.0	114,026.0	112,136.0
Unemployment	8,191.0	8,154.0	9,195.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.2	8.2
Total Employment	106,273.0	105,872.0	102,941.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,048.9	7,984.1	7,730.7
Unemployment	415.7	435.1	548.4
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.4	7.1
Total Employment	7,597.2	7,549.0	7,182.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,078.0	7,991.0	7,743.0
Unemployment	498.0	454.0	597.0
Percent Unemployed	6.2	5.7	7.7
Total Employment	7,580.0	7,537.0	7,146.0

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

Seasonal hiring heavily influenced the nonagricultural wage and salary employment over-the-month advance, as over two-thirds of the 32,300 increase was generated by the trade sector. Holiday hiring is generally concentrated in retail trade, and this segment recorded 21,900 additional jobs between November and December. About half of the positions were in general merchandise stores, with the remainder primarily divided between apparel and accessory stores and the other retail trade sector, which includes jewelry and liquor stores and florists. Food stores also reported sizeable growth in December.

The approaching Holidays also generated a large increase in the federal portion of government, as the Post Office added workers to handle the extra mail. Small additions in the state and local sectors pushed the total number of government hires to 2,000 for the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,500	58,000	57,700	79,400	79,600	79,100	311,100	308,700	291,300
Manufacturing	6,000	6,000	5,700	9,200	9,200	9,500	36,600	36,500	34,200
Mining	4,000	3,900	4,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,800	3,700	3,700	21,600	21,300	18,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,500	8,200	8,100	8,100
Trade	16,000	15,300	15,500	24,200	24,400	24,200	71,600	70,400	66,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,500	4,600	4,300	19,700	19,500	18,200
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,600	13,400	14,600	14,700	14,500	63,000	63,100	58,100
Government	9,600	9,800	9,500	14,700	14,600	14,400	89,500	88,900	86,700
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	141,000	140,900	141,300	63,800	62,900	63,500	48,800	48,800	46,300
Manufacturing	30,500	30,700	31,900	10,500	10,100	10,900	3,300	3,200	3,000
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,600	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	8,800	9,100	9,800	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,700	11,600	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trade	35,300	34,500	33,800	18,100	17,700	17,600	10,600	10,500	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,500	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,000	2,000	1,900
Services & Misc.	26,400	26,400	26,000	11,300	11,200	11,100	6,800	7,100	6,500
Government	20,000	20,200	20,100	14,100	14,100	14,000	19,900	19,800	18,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	131,000	130,800	127,700	1,687.4	1,678.2	1,621.7	169,800	169,400	165,600
Manufacturing	14,700	14,700	14,100	323.1	317.6	312.3	38,400	38,800	36,200
Mining	7,400	7,500	7,200	28.3	28.2	28.4	--	--	--
Construction	10,300	10,000	9,600	102.0	103.3	98.8	9,100	9,200	8,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,300	7,400	7,500	100.9	100.7	98.2	9,500	9,400	9,700
Trade	33,500	33,200	32,300	457.9	454.2	445.4	42,300	41,500	40,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,400	6,400	141.1	140.9	130.7	8,000	7,900	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,500	24,400	23,900	339.8	340.4	318.5	27,900	28,000	27,900
Government	26,900	27,200	26,700	194.3	192.9	189.4	34,600	34,600	34,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	72,000	71,600	68,900	1,539.7	1,534.5	1,512.9	63,900	64,000	61,600
Manufacturing	10,100	10,000	10,400	197.2	197.6	196.6	8,600	8,700	8,700
Mining	800	800	700	101.2	101.5	99.0	--	--	--
Construction	4,200	4,400	4,300	123.0	124.5	133.3	3,800	3,800	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,000	5,900	6,100	106.4	106.7	103.5	3,100	3,200	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,400	12,800	379.7	374.0	373.7	15,700	15,600	14,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,500	4,500	111.2	111.1	105.2	2,600	2,600	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,500	10,200	334.9	333.4	318.8	11,500	11,500	11,100
Government	22,400	22,300	19,900	186.1	185.7	182.8	18,600	18,600	17,900

2/ In Thousands

Despite the uncertainty concerning oil prices, the oil and gas extraction portion of mining contributed 1,700 new hires between November and December. This sector has created over 10,000 jobs during the past year, but it now seems unlikely that it will regain in the near future the additional 50,000 positions lost since employment peaked in January 1982 at 324,200.

The seasonal surge in air travel pushed employment up in transportation by air and the transport of goods also accelerated in December, creating an additional 600 jobs in transportation and public utilities. A smaller advance was noted in electric, gas and sanitary services, for a total increase of 900 jobs. Finance, insurance and real estate continued to register moderate growth, with 600 new jobs in December. The increases were confined to banking and the other finance, insurance and real estate portion, which contributed equal parts of the advance.

Two major nonmanufacturing industry groups recorded cutbacks in December -- construction and services. Following a gain of 1,100 jobs in November, employers in construction cut 1,600 positions in December. At least a portion of the losses were due to inclement weather curtailing outdoor activities, while the only segments which recorded any monthly gains were heavy contractors (except highways) and masonry and concrete contractors. Most residential and office building activity was at a standstill.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	31,500	31,100	30,100	67,900	67,400	67,700	94,500	94,200	91,700
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,900	14,900	15,000	14,600	9,500	9,500	9,700
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,000	1,100	1,400	4,700	4,600	4,700	4,300	4,400	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,400	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	5,100	5,100	4,900
Trade	9,700	9,500	9,100	17,500	17,300	17,600	28,300	28,000	27,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,300	2,900	2,800	2,800	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	4,900	4,800	11,000	10,900	11,100	19,500	19,500	19,000
Government	7,300	7,200	7,300	8,600	8,500	8,300	21,900	21,800	21,300
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	80,700	79,700	80,800	60,100	59,200	54,000	61,800	60,800	56,800
Manufacturing	10,700	10,700	10,800	4,000	4,100	3,800	5,800	5,800	6,100
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	13,300	13,200	12,300	8,700	8,700	8,900
Construction	4,800	4,900	5,300	3,600	3,600	3,500	5,000	4,800	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,600	3,000	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	2,900
Trade	25,800	24,900	26,300	14,800	14,600	13,200	19,800	19,100	16,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,300	4,100	4,000	3,800	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,700	11,100	10,700	10,600	9,100	9,600	9,500	8,400
Government	20,200	20,100	20,000	6,600	6,200	5,400	7,600	7,600	7,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	39,000	38,700	37,500	465,200	462,500	444,900	34,700	35,000	34,600
Manufacturing	5,600	5,500	5,600	51,100	51,300	49,600	11,200	11,700	11,400
Mining	800	800	800	3,700	3,700	3,500	200	200	200
Construction	2,400	2,400	2,300	32,300	32,500	31,200	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,700	3,700	18,500	18,600	18,400	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	10,300	10,100	9,200	124,800	122,300	115,200	7,500	7,300	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,400	33,300	32,000	1,400	1,400	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,600	7,500	100,000	99,400	95,000	6,100	6,100	6,300
Government	6,800	6,900	6,800	101,400	101,400	100,000	4,900	4,900	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	48,300	48,300	46,200	58,800	58,500	58,100	28,400	28,300	28,200
Manufacturing	9,300	9,300	8,600	12,400	12,300	11,800	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,800	2,800	3,100	2,400	2,400	2,600
Construction	1,800	1,900	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,500	2,200	2,300	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	11,500	11,200	11,000	15,200	14,900	14,900	7,800	7,600	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,200	8,300	11,800	11,900	11,700	5,500	5,500	5,200
Government	13,200	13,200	12,800	8,200	8,200	8,100	4,300	4,300	4,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	78,600	78,300	75,500	54,400	54,000	53,800			
Manufacturing	15,600	15,600	15,500	9,700	9,600	9,100			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,200	3,300			
Construction	4,100	4,200	3,900	2,200	2,100	2,200			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	20,600	20,400	19,300	13,800	13,600	13,700			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,600	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	18,200	18,100	17,300	9,400	9,400	9,300			
Government	12,000	11,900	11,700	10,700	10,700	10,900			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

The over-the-month decline of 1,200 in services was primarily seasonal in nature, as the break between semesters at private educational institutions cut 1,300 positions. Smaller decreases occurred in amusement, including motion pictures, and in health services. An increase of 500 in business and repair services as temporary help was hired for the Holidays, combined with a smaller gain in hotels and other lodging places, had little moderating effect on the larger losses.

Manufacturing employment climbed by 7,000 over the month, with growth in both the durable and nondurable goods sectors. Most of the 5,900 increase in durable goods, however, was the result of workers returning following the settlement of a labor-management dispute in the aircraft and parts portion of transportation equipment. A few other durable goods industries registered more modest advances in December.

The past two months' acceleration in oil and gas activities generated an increase of 300 in the oilfield machinery portion of nonelectrical machinery. This, along with

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Change From Nov. 1984	Change From Dec. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,444,700	6,412,400	6,281,900	32,300	162,800
Manufacturing	995,600	988,600	972,300	7,000	23,300
Durable Goods	576,200	570,300	554,800	5,900	21,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,000	40,100	41,000	-100	-1,000
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,200	7,200	7,600	0	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	18,100	18,200	17,300	-100	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,600	47,500	46,900	100	700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,000	22,900	21,700	100	1,300
Primary Metal Industries	35,400	35,600	33,900	-200	1,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,400	82,700	80,000	-300	2,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,700	45,000	43,900	-300	800
Machinery, Except Electrical	138,400	137,500	130,700	900	7,700
Oil Field Machinery	46,600	46,300	41,500	300	5,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	105,400	104,900	98,500	500	6,900
Transportation Equipment	73,900	68,800	72,200	5,100	1,700
Aircraft & Parts	37,800	32,800	37,300	5,000	500
Instruments & Related Products	22,800	22,800	22,200	0	600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,200	12,100	0	100
Nondurable Goods	419,400	418,300	417,500	1,100	1,900
Food & Kindred Products	101,500	100,500	99,000	1,000	2,500
Meat Products	24,700	25,400	24,700	-700	0
Dairy Products	4,900	5,000	4,900	-100	0
Bakery Products	14,500	14,000	12,800	500	1,700
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,300	3,400	-100	-200
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	59,500	59,200	60,900	300	-1,400
Paper & Allied Products	22,200	22,300	22,100	-100	100
Printing & Publishing	72,400	72,300	70,300	100	2,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,000	36,000	35,500	0	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,300	76,500	76,800	-200	-500
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,200	42,200	43,500	0	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	39,000	39,000	40,300	0	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	8,000	8,600	0	-600
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,500	31,500	0	1,000
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,449,100	5,423,800	5,309,600	25,300	139,500
Mining	274,200	272,600	263,600	1,600	10,600
Oil & Gas Extraction	264,200	262,500	253,900	1,700	10,300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,000	10,100	9,700	-100	300
Construction	400,000	401,200	413,600	-1,200	-13,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,000	383,100	377,200	900	6,800
Railroad Transportation	24,800	24,800	24,800	0	0
Transportation, Except Railroads	185,100	184,500	176,800	600	8,300
Transportation by Air	35,200	34,800	35,200	400	0
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,400	96,400	96,800	0	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,700	77,400	78,800	300	-1,100
Electric Services	43,900	43,700	44,000	200	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	28,400	28,300	29,600	100	-1,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,634,900	1,612,300	1,604,800	22,600	30,100
Wholesale Trade	444,700	444,000	436,500	700	8,200
Retail Trade	1,190,200	1,168,300	1,168,300	21,900	21,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,700	53,900	52,600	-200	1,100
General Merchandise Stores	162,200	151,600	161,800	10,600	400
Food Stores	213,900	212,200	204,800	1,700	9,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,500	133,400	131,000	100	2,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,200	79,200	86,000	5,000	-1,800
Other Retail Trade	542,700	538,000	532,100	4,700	10,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	407,100	406,500	397,700	600	9,400
Banking	104,100	103,800	102,600	300	1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,800	124,800	122,800	0	2,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	178,200	177,900	172,300	300	5,900
Services	1,245,300	1,246,500	1,194,900	-1,200	50,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,700	77,500	75,200	200	2,500
Personal Services	77,800	77,900	72,500	-100	5,300
Business & Repair Services	337,300	336,800	313,700	500	23,600
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,500	54,700	50,600	-200	3,900
Health Services	343,700	343,900	340,100	-200	3,600
Educational Services	66,900	68,200	63,800	-1,300	3,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	287,400	287,500	279,000	-100	8,400
Total Government	1,103,600	1,101,600	1,057,800	2,000	45,800
Total Federal Government	186,100	184,600	178,600	1,500	7,500
Total State Government	230,300	230,000	221,100	300	9,200
Total Local Government	687,200	687,000	658,100	200	29,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**	Dec.'84*	Nov.'84**	Dec.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,000	78,300	77,900	102,900	102,700	101,400	364,100	360,600	335,300
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,800	4,400	4,800	4,700	6,400	11,100	10,700	14,000
Percent Unemployed	3.4	3.6	5.6	4.7	4.6	6.3	3.0	3.0	4.2
Total Employment 2/	76,300	75,500	73,500	98,100	98,000	95,000	353,000	349,900	321,300
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,200	179,500	179,900	93,500	93,100	93,300	60,000	59,800	55,800
Total Unemployment	18,700	18,900	23,200	11,500	12,100	13,800	2,100	1,900	2,200
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.5	12.9	12.3	13.0	14.8	3.5	3.2	3.9
Total Employment 2/	160,500	160,600	156,700	82,000	81,000	79,500	57,900	57,900	53,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,200	167,700	165,000	1,950.6	1,931.5	1,841.3	205,900	205,900	198,800
Total Unemployment	12,500	12,200	16,800	68.3	63.6	81.6	20,200	20,800	22,800
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.3	10.2	3.5	3.3	4.4	9.8	10.1	11.5
Total Employment 2/	156,700	155,500	148,200	1,882.3	1,867.9	1,759.7	185,700	185,100	176,000
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	96,700	96,700	91,700	1,805.2	1,796.5	1,763.1	79,300	78,600	74,700
Total Unemployment	9,000	9,000	9,500	105.5	106.2	140.5	4,100	3,900	4,300
Percent Unemployed	9.3	9.3	10.4	5.8	5.9	8.0	5.2	5.0	5.8
Total Employment 2/	87,700	87,700	82,200	1,699.7	1,690.3	1,622.6	75,200	74,700	70,400
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,600	38,900	39,900	80,300	79,600	80,500	118,900	117,100	115,300
Total Unemployment	6,100	5,800	8,700	6,100	5,700	8,400	5,700	4,900	8,500
Percent Unemployed	15.4	14.9	21.8	7.6	7.2	10.4	4.8	4.2	7.4
Total Employment 2/	33,500	33,100	31,200	74,200	73,900	72,100	113,200	112,200	106,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	124,800	123,800	122,500	76,500	75,400	68,300	81,100	79,700	74,600
Total Unemployment	26,000	26,100	22,800	2,400	2,400	3,400	3,100	3,300	5,200
Percent Unemployed	20.8	21.1	18.6	3.1	3.2	5.0	3.8	4.1	7.0
Total Employment 2/	98,800	97,700	99,700	74,100	73,000	64,900	78,000	76,400	69.400
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	52,300	51,000	547,700	542,000	515,200	42,000	41,500	40,500
Total Unemployment	2,000	1,800	2,900	26,500	24,000	29,300	2,500	2,200	2,800
Percent Unemployed	3.8	3.4	5.7	4.8	4.4	5.7	6.0	5.3	6.9
Total Employment 2/	50,600	50,500	48,100	521,200	518,000	485,900	39,500	39,300	37,700
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,000	54,200	52,000	81,400	80,100	80,200	37,500	37,200	37,700
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,100	4,500	4,400	3,600	6,000	1,900	1,900	3,200
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.5	8.7	5.4	4.5	7.5	5.1	5.1	8.5
Total Employment 2/	49,900	50,100	47,500	77,000	76,500	74,200	35,600	35,300	34,500
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	97,300	96,400	92,400	70,800	70,200	69,000	8,048.9	7984.1	7,730.7
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,100	5,100	3,200	3,200	4,100	451.7	435.1	548.4
Percent Unemployed	4.9	4.3	5.5	4.5	4.6	5.9	5.6	5.4	7.1
Total Employment 2/	92,500	92,300	87,300	67,600	67,000	64,900	7,597.2	7549.0	7,182.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec.± 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec.± 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec.± 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$378.22	$381.06	$379.61	41.7	41.6	41.9	$ 9.07	$ 9.16	$ 9.06
Durable Goods	382.89	376.68	369.51	41.8	41.9	41.8	9.16	8.99	8.84
Lumber & Wood Products	257.94	260.15	254.70	39.5	39.9	40.3	6.53	6.52	6.32
Furniture & Fixtures	232.85	241.20	226.01	39.2	40.2	38.9	5.94	6.00	5.81
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	379.31	376.70	361.12	43.8	43.6	43.3	8.66	8.64	8.34
Primary Metal Industries	418.91	408.95	391.25	41.6	41.1	39.6	10.07	9.95	9.88
Fabricated Metal Products	363.21	353.83	365.56	41.7	41.0	41.4	8.71	8.63	8.83
Machinery, exc. Electric	399.59	398.47	374.50	42.6	42.8	42.8	9.38	9.31	8.75
Oil Field Machinery	487.97	494.13	471.59	44.2	45.5	44.7	11.04	10.86	10.55
Electric & Electronic Equip.	404.21	412.48	371.28	41.8	42.7	40.4	9.67	9.66	9.19
Transportation Equipment	502.18	491.07	518.87	42.2	41.9	44.5	11.90	11.72	11.66
Instruments & Related Prod.	303.38	299.41	315.87	39.4	39.5	40.6	7.70	7.58	7.78
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	288.97	280.48	293.45	41.4	41.8	41.1	6.98	6.71	7.14
Nondurable Goods	373.50	386.04	392.70	41.5	41.2	42.0	9.00	9.37	9.35
Food & Kindred Products	348.00	343.26	344.00	43.5	42.8	43.6	8.00	8.02	7.89
Meat Products	274.45	275.63	291.06	41.9	42.8	42.0	6.55	6.44	6.93
Malt Beverages	728.18	759.82	656.42	46.0	47.4	43.5	15.83	16.03	15.09
Textile Mill Products	284.01	273.98	270.26	42.2	41.2	41.9	6.73	6.65	6.45
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	194.43	199.29	183.38	38.5	39.0	37.5	5.05	5.11	4.89
Paper & Allied Products	433.73	427.98	436.69	43.2	43.1	45.3	10.04	9.93	9.64
Printing & Publishing	366.20	355.29	352.51	41.1	40.1	40.8	8.91	8.86	8.64
Chemicals & Allied Products	606.05	608.27	602.62	42.8	42.3	42.8	14.16	14.38	14.08
Petroleum & Coal Products	544.88	561.18	655.79	39.2	39.8	44.4	13.90	14.10	14.77
Petroleum Refining	560.30	576.44	671.77	39.1	39.7	44.4	14.33	14.52	15.13
Leather & Leather Products	187.07	200.75	202.84	34.2	36.5	35.9	5.47	5.50	5.65
Other Nondurable Goods	372.73	361.18	370.96	42.5	41.9	43.9	8.77	8.62	8.45
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	499.72	497.72	478.58	46.1	46.0	46.6	10.84	10.82	10.27
Oil & Gas Extraction	502.95	500.94	483.81	46.1	46.0	46.7	10.91	10.89	10.36
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	436.62	420.42	375.54	46.4	45.5	45.3	9.41	9.24	8.29
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	463.08	458.54	428.68	40.8	40.4	38.9	11.35	11.35	11.02
Elec., Gas & San. Services	451.36	440.00	433.63	40.3	40.0	42.1	11.20	11.00	10.30
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.93	231.52	238.92	34.1	33.7	35.5	6.86	6.87	6.73
Wholesale Trade	376.00	368.00	362.60	40.3	40.0	40.2	9.33	9.20	9.02
Retail Trade	185.60	184.54	195.36	32.0	31.6	33.8	5.80	5.84	5.78
General Merchandise Stores	165.85	157.05	192.65	30.1	29.3	34.9	5.51	5.36	5.52
Banking	273.64	258.80	255.50	39.6	38.8	40.3	6.91	6.67	6.34

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$373.57	$364.32	$373.69	41.6	41.4	41.8	$ 8.98	$ 8.80	$ 8.94
Durable Goods	388.96	375.65	391.02	41.6	41.1	42.0	9.35	9.14	9.31
Nondurable Goods	339.44	340.59	336.17	41.7	42.1	41.4	8.14	8.09	8.12
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	495.29	490.39	473.06	44.5	44.1	43.4	11.13	11.12	10.90
Durable Goods	440.30	437.08	407.55	44.7	44.6	42.9	9.85	9.80	9.50
Nondurable Goods	569.74	561.17	554.46	44.2	43.3	43.9	12.89	12.96	12.63
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	280.98	282.08	273.98	40.9	41.0	41.2	6.87	6.88	6.65
Durable Goods	303.54	305.41	293.76	42.1	42.3	41.2	7.21	7.22	7.13
Nondurable Goods	258.45	258.45	254.82	39.7	39.7	41.3	6.51	6.51	6.17

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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gains in the other sectors of the industry, pushed employment up by 900 in nonelectrical machinery. An increase in orders received brought a smaller advance in electric and electronic equipment.

The largest downturn in durable goods occurred in fabricated metal products. Apparently, the increased activity in oil and gas has not been sufficient to produce additions in this industry. Smaller gains and losses were intermixed among the remaining durable goods sectors.

The strength of seasonal increases in food and kindred products was the primary force behind the gain of 1,100 jobs over the month in nondurable goods. Temporary help hired for the Christmas rush in bakery products pushed employment up in that sector by 500, while other sectors also showed growth. Labor-management disputes in the meat products segment dropped this sector by 700 jobs, offsetting the other increases somewhat. The only other sizeable advance in nondurable goods was recorded in apparel and other finished textile products as workers returned following seasonal layoffs.

HOURS, EARNINGS DROP

There were an estimated 667,800 manufacturing production workers in Texas at mid-December, up 5,700 from the November estimate of 662,100. In December, the average Texas manufacturing production worker was earning $9.07 an hour for a 41.7-hour week, averaging $378.22 per week. Average hours worked rose 0.1 hour from November but were 0.2 hour below the year-ago average. Hourly earnings were down just 1¢ over the month, but had risen only 1¢ from the December 1983 average. Fairly large declines in several nondurable goods segments were primarily responsible for holding down both hours and earnings over the month.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Fourth Quarter
October-December 1984

Abilene	$ 754,370
Amarillo	1,843,932
Austin	2,099,971
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	9,105,949
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	3,480,053
Bryan-College Station	578,197
Corpus Christi	4,472,196
Dallas-Fort Worth	17,444,565
El Paso	6,613,448
Galveston-Texas City	3,958,459
Houston	42,963,562
Killeen-Temple	817,170
Laredo	1,487,693
Longview-Marshall	2,197,461
Lubbock	1,087,887
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	6,313,301
Midland	688,470
Odessa	1,009,371
San Angelo	459,153
San Antonio	5,538,915
Sherman-Denison	695,733
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	680,304
Tyler	1,305,242
Victoria	536,796
Waco	1,558,036
Wichita Falls	841,666

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1983
Total Population	16,512,300	15,888,500
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.9
UI Covered Employers	300,995	295,468
Total Claims Actions	449,884	577,158
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,864	72,564
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	389,020	504,594
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$135.72	$135.35
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$44,341,287	$61,885,658
Total Placements	29,953**	30,577

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.
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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

ALL 1984 ESTIMATES REVISED

All estimates of civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment for 1984 have been revised. The 1984 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1984. These revisions utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates. Similar revisions for 1983 are currently in progress and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State and specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, Economic Research and Analysis Department, TEC Building, Austin, Texas 78778.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,475.0	114,027.0	111,025.0
Unemployment	9,131.0	7,978.0	9,755.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.0	8.8
Total Employment	104,344.0	106,049.0	101,270.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	114,875.0	114,464.0	112,320.0
Unemployment	8,484.0	8,191.0	9,026.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.2	8.0
Total Employment	106,391.0	106,273.0	103,294.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,754.9	7,902.7	7,600.7
Unemployment	536.0	443.5	553.4
Percent Unemployed	6.9	5.6	7.3
Total Employment	7,218.9	7,459.2	7,047.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,822.0	7,937.0	7,663.0
Unemployment	508.0	476.0	525.0
Percent Unemployed	6.5	6.0	6.9
Total Employment	7,314.0	7,461.0	7,138.0

CHANGES IN MSA DEFINITIONS

The composition and/or names of several Texas metropolitan areas have been changed, and these changes are reflected in TEC's data beginning with these January estimates. The Abilene, Texarkana, and Wichita Falls MSA's each dropped one county from their definitions. The new Brazoria PMSA was split from the Houston MSA, and the Dallas-Fort Worth MSA was split into two separate areas -- the Dallas PMSA and the Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA -- losing two counties in the process. If further information on these changes is needed, please contact us at the above address.

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES

Between December 1984 and January 1985, the actual State unemployment rate increased from 5.6 percent to 6.9 percent, as joblessness rose substantially. Although some of the increase was expected, due to seasonal layoffs of persons hired for Christmas, the ranks of the unemployed were also swelled by unexpectedly severe weather and scattered temporary layoffs in January.

There were, at mid-January, an estimated 536,000 unemployed in Texas, with the addition of more than 90,000 jobless over the month. Total employment dropped by 240,300 between December and January, to 7,218,900 in January. Although the rate rose considerably over the month, it was still below the year-ago rate of 7.3 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,200	53,500	51,600	79,500	80,500	78,800	339,400	343,000	306,000
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,200	9,600	9,700	10,000	41,600	41,600	37,300
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,100	--	--	--	1,100	1,000	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	4,500	4,600	4,300	27,700	27,200	21,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	6,300	6,500	6,400	9,400	9,400	8,600
Trade	14,400	14,800	13,500	23,900	24,300	23,400	72,900	75,500	67,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,400	4,300	23,500	23,400	20,000
Services & Misc.	12,800	12,700	12,400	17,100	17,100	16,900	75,300	74,800	65,000
Government	8,000	8,000	8,000	13,800	13,900	13,500	87,900	90,100	85,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	140,000	143,300	140,700	59,300	60,000	57,800	65,000	65,300	62,700
Manufacturing	29,300	30,300	31,400	16,900	17,100	17,300	10,700	10,700	10,500
Mining	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,300	2,400	2,300	100	100	100
Construction	8,800	9,400	9,600	7,200	7,300	6,500	3,500	3,600	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,800	11,800	11,000	2,600	2,500	2,300	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	33,900	35,300	32,900	10,500	11,000	10,800	18,400	18,700	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,600	5,600	2,100	2,200	2,100	3,200	3,200	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,800	27,900	27,300	7,400	7,300	7,200	11,800	11,800	11,100
Government	19,900	20,000	20,000	10,300	10,200	9,300	14,200	14,100	13,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/		
TOTAL	47,800	49,700	45,100	134,500	134,500	130,100	1,232.1	1,240.3	1,184.4
Manufacturing	3,400	3,300	3,300	13,900	13,700	13,200	223.4	224.6	216.2
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,400	7,700	7,800	7,700	23.6	23.6	23.4
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,800	10,900	11,000	10,300	76.3	76.9	72.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,500	7,600	7,600	7,700	76.3	76.0	74.5
Trade	10,500	10,500	9,700	34,200	34,400	32,800	327.2	333.0	316.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	116.1	116.3	109.7
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,000	26,800	26,500	25,100	257.3	257.2	243.8
Government	18,500	20,600	17,500	27,100	27,200	26,800	131.9	132.7	127.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	170,900	173,300	168,200	475,300	474,600	447,900	71,700	73,500	69,500
Manufacturing	38,000	38,600	36,300	110,000	109,500	103,700	10,300	10,400	10,500
Mining	400	400	300	5,000	4,900	4,500	1,000	1,000	900
Construction	8,700	8,900	8,700	28,200	28,600	27,000	3,800	4,200	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,700	10,000	23,800	23,900	23,100	6,100	6,000	5,800
Trade	41,000	42,000	40,000	131,000	131,900	124,000	13,200	14,100	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,400	8,300	8,300	26,400	26,100	24,200	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	29,300	29,900	29,800	90,000	89,000	84,300	12,100	12,200	10,800
Government	35,400	35,500	34,800	60,900	60,700	57,100	20,400	20,800	18,700

2/ In Thousands

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's rate rose less dramatically, from 6.0 percent in December to 6.5 percent in January. The Nation's actual unemployment rate also increased over the month, from 7.0 percent to 8.0 percent. The January 1985 rate was considerably below the 8.8 percent rate recorded in January 1984. The seasonally adjusted rate, on the other hand, rose only slightly over the month, from 7.2 percent to 7.4 percent. The current rate in this series was also well below the year-ago rate of 8.0 percent.

WAGE & SALARY JOBS DECLINE SHARPLY

The count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas dropped by over 63,000 between December and January, as every major industry category sustained losses. About half of the declines were seasonal in nature, as jobs created for the Christmas rush in trade were deleted and some manufacturing sectors reported layoffs.

Over 30,000 jobs in retail trade were lost between December and January. The largest drops occurred in the other retail trade sector (which includes jewelry, liquor and drug stores) and in general merchandise stores. These two sectors also hire the largest number of temporary workers in anticipation of the Christmas rush. Apparel and accessory stores also deleted a sizeable number of jobs over the month, as did food stores.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,470.0	1,479.4	1,437.0	64,000	64,900	61,600	32,200	32,500	30,500
Manufacturing	175.9	176.1	174.1	8,600	8,600	8,300	1,800	1,900	1,900
Mining	96.0	96.7	93.6	--	--	--	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	108.8	111.4	117.3	3,500	3,600	3,600	1,100	1,100	1,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.8	100.8	97.9	3,000	3,100	3,000	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	374.5	380.0	364.3	15,800	16,300	14,800	10,000	10,100	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	110.2	110.2	104.4	2,700	2,700	2,500	1,600	1,700	1,400
Services & Misc.	325.7	327.0	313.1	11,800	11,900	11,400	5,000	5,000	4,900
Government	178.1	177.2	172.3	18,600	18,700	18,000	7,300	7,300	7,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,900	67,500	66,100	92,900	93,900	88,700	80,400	81,100	78,200
Manufacturing	15,300	15,200	14,900	8,900	9,200	9,000	11,200	11,200	10,300
Mining	4,600	4,700	4,900	--	--	--	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,800	4,900	4,600	4,300	4,400	4,000	4,300	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,400	3,400	5,200	5,200	4,800	2,600	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,600	16,800	16,400	27,100	27,600	26,100	24,600	25,100	24,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900	5,700	5,600	5,400	3,500	3,500	3,300
Services & Misc.	10,900	11,000	11,000	20,400	20,300	19,400	12,200	12,200	11,600
Government	8,400	8,500	8,000	21,300	21,600	20,000	20,200	20,300	20,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	53,300	53,600	50,200	55,400	55,500	50,700	38,300	39,200	36,800
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,600	5,200	4,900	4,900	5,500	5,500	5,500
Mining	12,900	12,900	12,600	8,800	8,700	8,500	900	900	900
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,000	4,100	4,200	3,400	2,500	2,600	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,400	2,800	2,700	2,700	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,600	12,900	11,900	16,100	16,800	14,500	9,600	10,300	8,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,600	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,800	8,000	8,400	8,200	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,100
Government	6,400	6,400	5,200	7,700	7,700	6,900	6,600	6,700	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	465,000	468,600	445,300	36,600	36,900	35,700	46,100	46,400	42,600
Manufacturing	51,700	52,000	49,900	11,600	11,800	11,800	7,600	7,700	6,800
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,300	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	34,300	34,500	32,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,700	1,900	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,800	17,900	18,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	123,200	125,300	115,000	8,100	8,200	7,400	11,900	12,100	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	34,500	34,200	32,700	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	99,200	100,000	94,600	7,100	7,000	6,700	8,500	8,300	7,900
Government	100,800	101,100	99,400	4,900	4,900	4,900	12,700	12,700	12,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA 4/			WACO		
TOTAL	60,800	61,200	59,700	29,300	29,500	28,400	76,500	77,500	74,000
Manufacturing	12,700	12,500	12,100	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,100	15,400	15,400
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,900	3,000	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,200	4,000	4,000	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	15,900	16,100	15,700	8,100	8,200	7,900	19,600	19,800	18,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	1,700	1,600	1,500	4,900	4,900	4,700
Services & Misc.	12,000	12,200	11,700	5,400	5,500	5,100	17,800	18,000	16,900
Government	7,800	7,900	7,700	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,500	11,800	11,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,700	52,200	50,600						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	8,600						
Mining	3,400	3,400	3,400						
Construction	2,000	2,100	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,400	12,800	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,200						
Government	10,100	10,100	10,300						

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

3/ In Thousands.

4/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Change From Dec. 1984	Change From Jan. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,485,500	6,548,600	6,282,300	-63,100	203,200
Manufacturing	1,000,600	1,005,900	973,700	-5,300	26,900
Durable Goods	582,200	586,100	560,800	-3,900	21,400
Lumber & Wood Products	41,100	41,400	41,300	-300	-200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,100	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	18,200	17,800	-400	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,900	48,400	47,900	-500	0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,300	23,400	22,200	-100	1,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,800	36,200	34,600	-400	1,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,800	83,300	80,400	-500	2,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,800	43,400	42,400	-600	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	134,000	133,900	126,700	100	7,300
Oil Field Machinery	40,800	40,700	37,600	100	3,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	110,100	111,900	103,100	-1,800	7,000
Transportation Equipment	76,900	77,100	73,700	-200	3,200
Aircraft & Parts	39,700	39,400	38,000	300	1,700
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	22,800	22,500	200	500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,800	12,900	12,800	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	418,400	419,800	412,900	-1,400	5,500
Food & Kindred Products	97,200	98,300	93,400	-1,100	3,800
Meat Products	25,000	25,300	24,800	-300	200
Dairy Products	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Bakery Products	11,200	12,100	10,500	-900	700
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,100	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,200	60,200	61,600	0	-1,400
Paper & Allied Products	23,900	24,000	23,400	-100	500
Printing & Publishing	72,400	72,400	70,500	0	1,900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	36,000	35,400	-100	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,200	77,100	76,200	100	1,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	41,300	41,500	42,500	-200	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	38,100	38,300	39,200	-200	-1,100
Leather & Leather Products	7,700	7,700	8,000	0	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,700	33,800	32,500	-100	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,484,900	5,542,700	5,308,600	-57,800	176,300
Mining	271,500	273,300	266,100	-1,800	5,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,900	263,700	256,500	-1,800	5,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0
Construction	420,200	427,100	417,900	-6,900	2,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	372,200	373,000	363,300	-800	8,900
Railroad Transportation	24,400	24,800	23,800	-400	600
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,900	180,300	170,700	-400	9,200
Transportation by Air	37,900	37,800	35,700	100	2,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	89,200	89,000	90,000	200	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,700	78,900	78,800	-200	-100
Electric Services	44,300	44,400	44,000	-100	300
Gas Production & Distribution	28,300	28,400	29,100	-100	-800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,623,000	1,653,600	1,586,400	-30,600	36,600
Wholesale Trade	427,800	427,900	429,200	-100	-1,400
Retail Trade	1,195,200	1,225,700	1,157,200	-30,500	38,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,600	54,200	51,900	-600	1,700
General Merchandise Stores	160,500	171,900	153,400	-11,400	7,100
Food Stores	213,500	215,800	205,400	-2,300	8,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,000	136,300	131,800	-300	4,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,900	88,400	80,500	-3,500	4,400
Other Retail Trade	546,700	559,100	534,200	-12,400	12,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	420,900	421,100	404,600	-200	16,300
Banking	105,400	105,400	102,800	0	2,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	128,800	128,800	124,900	0	3,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	186,700	186,900	176,900	-200	9,800
Services	1,270,400	1,279,300	1,211,900	-8,900	58,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	76,600	78,800	74,500	-2,200	2,100
Personal Services	81,500	81,300	75,100	200	6,400
Business & Repair Services	358,500	361,000	332,800	-2,500	25,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	50,100	52,100	43,400	-2,000	6,700
Health Services	341,500	341,000	340,200	500	1,300
Educational Services	56,300	59,900	57,300	-3,600	-1,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	305,900	305,200	288,600	700	17,300
Total Government	1,106,700	1,115,300	1,058,400	-8,600	48,300
Total Federal Government	180,000	180,400	173,200	-400	6,800
Total State Government	257,800	264,700	236,900	-6,900	20,900
Total Local Government	668,900	670,200	648,300	-1,300	20,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,700	63,800	62,500	98,700	100,900	98,700	380,300	389,900	346,100
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,300	3,600	5,900	4,700	5,500	14,800	11,900	13,600
Percent Unemployed	5.1	3.6	5.8	6.0	4.7	5.6	3.9	3.1	3.9
Total Employment 2/	59,500	61,500	58,900	92,800	96,200	93,200	365,500	378,000	332,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	174,000	177,100	176,100	82,200	83,900	81,900	92,700	92,300	90,500
Total Unemployment	22,700	18,500	22,400	5,900	4,700	6,200	13,700	11,200	14,500
Percent Unemployed	13.0	10.4	12.7	7.2	5.6	7.6	14.8	12.1	16.0
Total Employment 2/	151,300	158,600	153,700	76,300	79,200	75,700	79,000	81,100	76,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	59,600	54,100	168,000	168,500	165,100	1,281.0	1,307.6	1,244.2
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,100	2,600	15,200	12,400	16,300	55.9	42.9	54.3
Percent Unemployed	4.4	3.5	4.8	9.0	7.4	9.9	4.4	3.3	4.4
Total Employment 2/	53,800	57,500	51,500	152,800	156,100	148,800	1,225.1	1,264.7	1,189.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	199,800	204,400	197,300	596,400	605,900	570,600	91,100	96,500	91,000
Total Unemployment	23,200	20,000	21,800	28,800	23,700	28,500	10,900	8,900	9,500
Percent Unemployed	11.6	9.8	11.0	4.8	3.9	5.0	12.0	9.2	10.4
Total Employment 2/	176,600	184,400	175,500	567,600	582,200	542,100	80,200	87,600	81,500
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,639.8	1,664.8	1,633.2	76,500	78,000	73,700	39,500	39,300	39,800
Total Unemployment	119.9	97.9	131.4	5,100	4,000	4,600	7,100	5,900	8,900
Percent Unemployed	7.3	5.9	8.0	6.7	5.1	6.2	18.0	15.0	22.4
Total Employment 2/	1,519.9	1,566.9	1,501.8	71,400	74,000	69,100	32,400	33,400	30,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	77,700	77,800	111,200	114,800	109,900	122,200	121,400	117,900
Total Unemployment	7,400	6,000	7,900	5,900	5,600	8,100	28,600	25,000	29,900
Percent Unemployed	9.6	7.7	10.2	5.3	4.9	7.4	23.4	20.6	25.4
Total Employment 2/	69,400	71,700	69,900	105,300	109,200	101,800	93,600	96,400	88,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,900	66,900	62,700	70,100	70,200	65,600	49,900	51,200	48,900
Total Unemployment	3,100	2,300	3,300	3,900	3,000	4,800	2,500	2,000	2,400
Percent Unemployed	4.7	3.4	5.3	5.6	4.3	7.3	5.0	3.9	4.9
Total Employment 2/	62,800	64,600	59,400	66,200	67,200	60,800	47,400	49,200	46,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	523,000	535,800	507,400	42,400	43,100	41,100	50,700	49,900	47,900
Total Unemployment	29,400	26,300	30,500	2,900	2,500	2,800	4,500	3,800	4,400
Percent Unemployed	5.6	4.9	6.0	6.8	5.8	6.8	8.9	7.6	9.2
Total Employment 2/	493,600	509,500	476,900	39,500	40,600	38,300	46,200	46,100	43,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,700	82,000	78,900	37,100	37,800	37,100	91,200	93,600	88,600
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,400	4,400	2,300	1,900	3,000	5,600	4,700	4,800
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.4	5.6	6.2	5.0	8.1	6.1	5.0	5.4
Total Employment 2/	75,100	77,600	74,500	34,800	35,900	34,100	85,600	88,900	83,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,400	62,700	62,100				7,754.9	7,902.7	7,600.7
Total Unemployment	3,600	2,900	4,400				536.0	443.5	553.4
Percent Unemployed	5.9	4.6	7.1				6.9	5.6	7.3
Total Employment 2/	57,800	59,800	57,700				7,218.9	7,459.2	7,047.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.± 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan.± 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan.± 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	378.84	386.40	377.87	41.0	42.0	41.8	9.24	9.20	9.04
Durable Goods	368.83	379.80	367.38	40.8	42.2	41.7	9.04	9.00	8.81
Lumber & Wood Products	250.66	257.74	252.70	37.3	38.7	39.3	6.72	6.66	6.43
Furniture & Fixtures	217.71	228.34	214.70	36.9	39.1	37.8	5.90	5.84	5.68
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	357.43	369.67	353.18	42.1	43.8	42.5	8.49	8.44	8.31
Primary Metal Industries	425.57	422.47	410.23	40.3	41.5	40.9	10.56	10.18	10.03
Fabricated Metal Products	360.64	370.64	359.79	41.5	42.7	40.7	8.69	8.68	8.84
Machinery, exc. Electric	384.98	398.79	384.48	41.8	43.3	43.2	9.21	9.21	8.90
Oil Field Machinery	499.05	511.98	493.56	45.0	46.0	45.7	11.09	11.13	10.80
Electric & Electronic Equip.	382.05	409.81	390.93	40.6	42.6	41.9	9.41	9.62	9.33
Transportation Equipment	504.78	504.90	501.48	42.1	42.5	44.3	11.99	11.88	11.32
Instruments & Related Prod.	290.25	293.64	301.84	38.7	39.1	39.2	7.50	7.51	7.70
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	276.69	290.37	282.27	40.1	41.6	39.7	6.90	6.98	7.11
Nondurable Goods	392.35	395.96	391.35	41.3	41.9	41.9	9.50	9.45	9.34
Food & Kindred Products	323.33	341.91	345.49	42.1	43.5	43.9	7.68	7.86	7.87
Meat Products	268.51	273.84	290.61	43.1	42.0	42.8	6.23	6.52	6.79
Malt Beverages	705.06	701.12	661.59	45.4	44.8	43.1	15.53	15.65	15.35
Textile Mill Products	284.14	281.47	281.35	42.6	42.2	42.5	6.67	6.67	6.62
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.42	188.88	185.11	38.0	37.7	37.7	5.09	5.01	4.91
Paper & Allied Products	424.66	425.70	424.46	43.2	43.0	44.4	9.83	9.90	9.56
Printing & Publishing	352.17	372.91	345.14	39.0	40.8	39.9	9.03	9.14	8.65
Chemicals & Allied Products	615.90	609.33	607.59	43.1	42.7	43.0	14.29	14.27	14.13
Petroleum & Coal Products	666.08	641.55	631.81	46.0	45.5	44.4	14.48	14.10	14.23
Petroleum Refining	691.46	664.63	655.79	46.5	45.9	44.4	14.87	14.48	14.77
Leather & Leather Products	186.14	208.66	195.30	33.6	36.8	36.1	5.54	5.67	5.41
Other Nondurable Goods	356.87	355.32	371.91	41.4	42.1	43.6	8.62	8.44	8.53
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	475.94	489.06	478.33	44.9	46.4	47.5	10.60	10.54	10.07
Oil & Gas Extraction	479.25	492.90	482.66	45.0	46.5	47.6	10.65	10.60	10.14
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	399.83	396.20	384.99	42.9	43.3	45.4	9.32	9.15	8.48
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	444.83	446.35	431.46	39.4	39.5	38.8	11.29	11.30	11.12
Elec., Gas & San. Services	436.30	437.70	435.76	39.7	39.9	41.9	10.99	10.97	10.40
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.10	232.22	232.86	33.3	34.2	34.6	6.88	6.79	6.73
Wholesale Trade	363.53	370.64	355.77	39.3	40.2	40.2	9.25	9.22	8.85
Retail Trade	184.98	187.73	191.88	31.3	32.2	32.8	5.91	5.83	5.85
General Merchandise Stores	175.94	186.45	173.50	31.7	33.0	30.6	5.55	5.65	5.67
Banking	268.48	275.71	265.68	38.3	39.5	40.5	7.01	6.98	6.56

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	362.15	372.91	352.75	40.6	41.9	41.5	8.92	8.90	8.50
Durable Goods	371.97	386.06	363.03	40.3	42.1	41.3	9.23	9.17	8.79
Nondurable Goods	326.27	351.98	328.95	41.3	45.3	45.0	7.90	7.77	7.31
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	374.33	385.64	368.51	41.0	42.1	42.9	9.13	9.16	8.59
Durable Goods	390.99	404.92	381.38	41.2	42.4	42.9	9.49	9.55	8.89
Nondurable Goods	332.51	340.29	337.98	40.5	41.6	43.0	8.21	8.18	7.86
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	471.74	487.07	460.53	43.2	44.4	42.8	10.92	10.97	10.76
Durable Goods	423.28	440.25	408.41	44.0	45.2	42.9	9.62	9.74	9.52
Nondurable Goods	537.62	551.61	526.49	42.1	43.4	42.7	12.77	12.71	12.33
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	269.21	279.16	263.34	39.3	40.4	39.9	6.85	6.91	6.60
Durabld Goods	289.92	304.51	285.12	40.1	41.6	40.5	7.23	7.32	7.04
Nondurable Goods	249.10	254.02	242.87	38.5	39.2	39.3	6.47	6.48	6.18

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Employment declined in services in January, due largely to seasonal layoffs. The largest drop was in educational services, where auxiliary staff were temporarily laid off due to the semester break. Layoffs were also prevalent in business and repair services, particularly among temporary help agencies and protective services which accelerated during Christmas. The semester break was also responsible for the large declines in local and state government, as schools and colleges laid off personnel during the hiatus.

The cold, icy weather which paralyzed much of the State during January adversely affected the construction industry, bringing work to a temporary standstill on many projects. Employment in construction declined by about 7,000 positions over the month. An abundance of oil reserves which pushed prices down produced a slowdown in oil and gas extraction in January. Mining employment dropped by 1,800 due to the these reductions. Smaller seasonal losses were noted in transportation and public utilities and in insurance and real estate over the month.

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Almost every manufacturing industry registered employment declines in January. Aside from one large decrease in the durable goods sector, however, all of the reductions were fairly moderate. Over 5,000 manufacturing jobs were lost between December and January, and over three-fourths of these were in durable goods. The decline of 1,800 in electric and electronic equipment was primarily the result of layoffs among manufacturers of semiconductors and electronic capacitors, as demand for these products slowed. Most of the other over-the-month losses were smaller, and the majority were either seasonal or due to reduced consumer demand. There were an estimated 665,700 manufacturing production workers in Texas in January, down 200 from the December total.

HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE

The average number of hours worked by manufacturing production workers dropped by one hour between December and January, while average hourly earnings rose by 5¢ over the month. In January, an average employee worked 41.0 hours per week at $9.25 per hour, and averaged $379.25 a week. Weekly earnings were down due to the decrease in hours worked. Although hourly earnings had risen by 21¢ between January 1984 and January 1985, the number of hours worked had decreased by 0.8 hour, and average weekly earnings were only $1.38 above the year-ago average.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1984
Total Population	16,121,800	15,856,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.9
UI Covered Employers	304,223	296,013
Total Claims Actions	586,396	609,291
Total Initial Claims Actions	86,334	87,125
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	500,062	522,166
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$137.15	$134.07
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$56,487,546	$58,800,760
Total Placements	33,911	33,890

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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TOLL-FREE NUMBER SET UP FOR JOB INFORMATION

The State Occupational Coordinating Committee (SOICC), whose primary purpose is to improve coordination and communication between users and producers of occupational data, has implemented a toll-free hotline. Calling this number (1-800-822-PLAN) will enable interested persons to obtain information on careers, educational opportunities, and job futures. If data is not available from SOICC, they will direct callers to the best source for it. The service is free, and information will be provided as quickly as possible.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,592.0	113,475.0	111,368.0
Unemployment	8,902.0	9,131.0	9,407.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.0	8.4
Total Employment	104,690.0	104,344.0	101,961.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,084.0	114,875.0	112,724.0
Unemployment	8,399.0	8,484.0	8,836.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.4	7.8
Total Employment	106,685.0	106,391.0	103,888.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,826.8	7,754.9	7,582.1
Unemployment	552.5	536.0	447.5
Percent Unemployed	7.1	6.9	5.9
Total Employment	7,274.3	7,218.9	7,134.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,880.0	7,822.0	7,633.0
Unemployment	541.0	508.0	438.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.5	5.7
Total Employment	7,339.0	7,314.0	7,195.0

UNEMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

Although total employment rose by over 55,000 between January and February 1985, the expanding number of jobs was not sufficient to accommodate the corresponding increase in job-seekers. Unemployment climbed by 16,500 over the month, totaling 552,500 in the actual series at mid-February. The unemployment rate also rose, to 7.1 percent -- its highest level since January 1984. The increase in joblessness occurred as many people re-entered the labor force seeking work in February, and the economy's growth was not strong enough to support all of them. Some temporary layoffs in manufacturing were reported during the month; and the release of persons hired for Christmas also contributed to the higher levels of unemployment.

In the seasonally adjusted series, unemployment also increased over the month, as the rate rose from 6.5 percent in January to 6.9 percent at mid-February. The seasonally adjusted rate was the same as that recorded in January 1984, before unemployment began dropping substantially. The Nation's economy improved slightly between January and February, as the actual unemployment rate dipped from 8.0 percent to 7.8 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate slid from 7.4 percent to 7.3 percent in February. Both series for the U. S. showed rates below those recorded a year earlier.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,700	53,500	52,000	79,700	79,600	79,200	345,200	339,900	312,600
Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,300	9,700	9,600	9,800	41,800	41,500	37,700
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,100	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,000	4,500	4,600	4,400	28,500	27,900	22,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	9,400	9,400	8,600
Trade	14,500	14,400	13,600	23,900	24,000	23,500	73,000	73,100	67,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,400	4,400	4,300	23,800	23,500	20,600
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,800	12,400	15,200	15,200	15,000	76,000	75,400	66,100
Government	8,200	8,200	8,000	14,000	13,800	13,800	91,600	88,000	88,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	140,000	139,700	141,600	58,500	58,800	58,200	64,500	64,900	63,100
Manufacturing	29,400	29,300	31,500	16,800	17,000	17,200	10,000	10,700	10,500
Mining	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	100	100	100
Construction	8,800	8,700	9,600	6,500	6,900	6,500	3,500	3,500	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,000	11,900	11,300	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	33,400	33,600	32,800	10,700	10,600	10,500	18,400	18,300	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,500	5,600	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,200	3,200	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,800	27,800	27,600	7,300	7,300	7,400	11,800	11,800	11,200
Government	20,100	19,900	20,300	10,300	10,100	9,600	14,300	14,200	14,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	50,300	47,900	47,100	134,300	134,000	130,400	1,231.0	1,229.9	1,192.5
Manufacturing	3,400	3,400	3,200	13,900	14,000	13,100	222.1	222.2	218.0
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	7,500	7,500	7,600	23.5	23.4	23.5
Construction	3,100	3,100	2,900	11,100	10,900	10,500	77.2	76.2	74.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,500	7,500	7,600	7,800	75.7	75.9	74.9
Trade	10,700	10,600	9,900	34,000	34,000	32,600	325.5	327.1	315.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,400	116.3	116.1	110.5
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,200	7,100	26,800	26,700	25,300	257.9	256.5	247.0
Government	20,600	18,500	19,200	27,200	27,000	27,100	132.8	132.5	128.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	172,300	171,300	168,200	472,600	471,600	453,800	72,700	72,200	69,700
Manufacturing	38,300	38,100	36,300	110,200	109,600	105,300	10,500	10,200	10,500
Mining	400	400	400	4,800	4,800	4,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Construction	9,000	8,700	8,800	28,700	28,300	27,500	3,800	3,800	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,600	9,900	24,200	23,800	23,500	5,900	6,100	6,200
Trade	40,700	41,000	39,300	127,300	129,000	124,300	13,400	13,300	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,400	8,400	26,100	26,100	24,300	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	29,600	29,300	29,700	90,200	89,000	86,300	12,200	12,200	10,800
Government	36,100	35,800	35,400	61,100	61,000	58,100	21,100	20,800	19,000

COUNT OF NONFARM SALARIED JOBS RISES MODERATELY

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas rose by 26,500 over the month, with all of the growth concentrated in nonmanufacturing industries. A large portion of this increase, however, was seasonal in nature. Nonfarm salaried jobs totaled 6,513,900 in mid-February, up 176,900 from the year-ago level.

The beginning of the spring semester at schools and colleges throughout the State provided the main impetus for substantial gains in state and local government, as well as the educational portion of services over the month. Government recorded the largest number of additions of any major industry group in February, as the staffing of schools combined with accessions by other state agencies and stepped-up hiring by the Internal Revenue Service in preparation for the tax season.

Although large gains in services were generated by the educational sector, other service industries also reported sizeable growth over the month. The strongest surge in employment occurred in business and repair services, particularly among temporary employment agencies, data processing firms, and management and public relations businesses. Improved weather brought more business in hotels and other lodging places, especially in the South Central Texas area.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,473.8	1,468.8	1,442.6	63,800	63,900	61,700	31,900	32,200	30,300
Manufacturing	174.3	175.1	174.5	8,400	8,500	8,300	1,700	1,900	1,800
Mining	96.8	96.5	93.6	--	--	--	1,700	1,700	1,600
Construction	109.6	110.6	118.0	3,500	3,500	3,600	1,100	1,100	1,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	101.0	101.2	99.0	3,200	3,200	2,900	3,500	3,600	3,300
Trade	370.4	372.0	362.2	15,600	15,800	14,600	9,900	10,000	8,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	110.6	110.0	104.8	2,700	2,700	2,500	1,500	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	330.4	325.1	316.2	11,900	11,800	11,600	5,000	4,800	4,900
Government	180.7	178.3	174.3	18,500	18,400	18,200	7,500	7,500	7,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,700	66,900	65,900	93,200	92,600	90,300	81,400	80,800	78,800
Manufacturing	15,400	15,300	14,900	8,900	8,900	9,100	11,400	11,200	10,500
Mining	4,600	4,600	4,800	600	600	500	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,700	4,700	4,900	4,600	4,300	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,300	3,400	5,100	5,100	4,700	2,700	2,600	2,700
Trade	16,300	16,600	16,000	27,000	27,100	26,000	25,000	25,000	24,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900	5,700	5,700	5,400	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	10,900	10,900	10,900	19,800	19,700	19,500	12,200	12,200	11,700
Government	8,400	8,500	8,100	21,500	21,200	20,900	20,500	20,200	20,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	53,600	54,000	49,900	54,400	54,900	50,600	38,500	38,100	36,800
Manufacturing	3,500	3,600	3,500	4,800	4,900	4,900	5,500	5,300	5,400
Mining	12,700	12,900	12,600	8,600	8,600	8,400	900	900	900
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,900	4,100	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,300	2,700	2,700	2,700	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,700	12,900	11,700	16,100	16,200	14,400	9,800	9,700	8,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	9,000	8,900	8,000	8,200	8,400	7,600	7,500	7,500	7,100
Government	6,700	6,700	5,400	7,800	7,700	7,000	6,700	6,600	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	466,000	463,600	447,400	37,200	36,600	35,500	46,000	46,200	42,800
Manufacturing	51,700	51,500	50,400	12,100	11,600	11,700	7,700	7,700	6,800
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,400	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,100	34,300	32,800	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,600	1,700	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,900	17,900	18,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	121,400	122,500	114,400	8,100	8,100	7,400	11,700	11,800	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	34,700	34,400	33,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,800	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	101,000	99,200	96,300	7,100	7,000	6,700	8,400	8,500	8,000
Government	100,600	100,200	99,100	4,900	4,900	4,800	12,800	12,800	12,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	61,000	60,800	60,200	29,300	29,200	28,700	77,100	76,400	74,800
Manufacturing	12,800	12,700	12,100	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,500	15,200	15,500
Mining	3,400	3,500	3,600	2,900	2,900	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,700	2,600	2,300	4,100	4,000	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	15,800	15,900	15,400	8,000	8,000	7,900	19,100	19,400	18,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	1,700	1,700	1,600	5,000	4,900	4,800
Services & Misc.	12,000	11,900	12,000	5,400	5,400	5,200	18,200	17,800	17,300
Government	8,000	7,800	7,900	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,600	11,500	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,700	51,700	50,800						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	8,800						
Mining	3,400	3,400	3,300						
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,400						
Government	10,200	10,100	10,300						

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1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Feb. 1985*	Jan. 1985**	Feb. 1984**	Change From Jan. 1985	Change From Feb. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,513,900	6,487,400	6,337,000	26,500	176,900
Manufacturing	999,200	999,600	979,800	-400	19,400
Durable Goods	580,900	581,900	566,300	-1,000	14,600
Lumber & Wood Products	40,700	41,200	41,500	-500	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,200	0	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	17,900	18,000	-100	-200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,200	48,200	48,500	0	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,600	23,500	22,500	100	1,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,900	36,000	35,300	-100	600
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,600	82,700	80,400	900	3,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,000	42,800	42,400	200	600
Machinery, Except Electrical	132,700	132,600	127,900	100	4,800
Oil Field Machinery	40,800	40,500	37,700	300	3,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,700	110,500	104,200	-800	5,500
Transportation Equipment	77,000	77,000	74,900	0	2,100
Aircraft & Parts	39,900	39,700	38,200	200	1,700
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	22,700	22,800	0	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,600	13,100	12,800	-500	-200
Nondurable Goods	418,300	417,700	413,500	600	4,800
Food & Kindred Products	97,200	97,100	92,800	100	4,400
Meat Products	25,600	25,000	24,700	600	900
Dairy Products	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Bakery Products	11,400	11,700	10,500	-300	900
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,700	60,400	62,100	300	-1,400
Paper & Allied Products	23,800	23,900	23,600	-100	200
Printing & Publishing	72,300	71,900	70,600	400	1,700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	35,700	35,500	200	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,900	76,900	76,200	0	700
Petroleum & Coal Products	41,300	41,400	42,200	-100	-900
Petroleum Refining	38,100	38,200	38,900	-100	-800
Leather & Leather Products	7,800	7,600	8,100	200	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,700	33,100	-200	400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,514,700	5,487,800	5,357,200	26,900	157,500
Mining	272,700	272,700	266,400	0	6,300
Oil & Gas Extraction	263,300	263,400	256,800	-100	6,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,300	9,600	100	-200
Construction	425,700	422,900	424,700	2,800	1,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	371,900	371,700	367,300	200	4,600
Railroad Transportation	24,500	24,500	24,800	0	-300
Transportation, Except Railroads	180,900	180,500	173,600	400	7,300
Transportation by Air	37,700	37,600	36,900	100	800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,900	87,900	90,000	0	-2,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,600	78,800	78,900	-200	-300
Electric Services	44,400	44,400	44,100	0	300
Gas Production & Distribution	28,000	28,200	29,000	-200	-1,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,607,200	1,617,600	1,579,200	-10,400	28,000
Wholesale Trade	427,600	427,400	430,000	200	-2,400
Retail Trade	1,179,600	1,190,200	1,149,200	-10,600	30,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,400	53,400	52,200	0	1,200
General Merchandise Stores	153,800	159,500	146,900	-5,700	6,900
Food Stores	211,300	212,900	204,300	-1,600	7,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,800	135,400	131,600	-600	3,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,500	82,100	78,600	-1,600	1,900
Other Retail Trade	545,800	546,900	535,600	-1,100	10,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	422,200	420,900	406,800	1,300	15,400
Banking	105,500	105,400	102,900	100	2,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	129,200	128,800	125,400	400	3,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	187,500	186,700	178,500	800	9,000
Services	1,283,300	1,270,500	1,231,500	12,800	51,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	76,500	75,400	76,400	1,100	100
Personal Services	81,500	81,800	76,200	-300	5,300
Business & Repair Services	363,900	358,800	337,400	5,100	31,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	50,400	50,100	45,400	300	5,000
Health Services	341,900	341,700	342,300	200	-400
Educational Services	59,700	56,100	60,700	3,600	-1,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	309,400	306,600	293,100	2,800	16,300
Total Government	1,131,700	1,111,500	1,081,300	20,200	50,400
Total Federal Government	181,400	180,100	174,300	1,300	7,100
Total State Government	274,200	261,500	248,700	12,700	25,500
Total Local Government	676,100	669,900	658,300	6,200	17,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,500	63,000	62,300	99,500	99,000	98,600	387,800	380,900	351,700
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	2,600	5,800	5,900	4,700	13,800	14,700	9,900
Percent Unemployed	4.9	5.1	4.2	5.8	6.0	4.8	3.6	3.9	2.8
Total Employment 2/	60,400	59,800	59,700	93,700	93,100	93,900	374,000	366,200	341,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,100	173,700	175,000	82,500	81,900	81,900	92,600	92,700	89,400
Total Unemployment	23,100	22,700	19,300	6,500	5,900	5,200	14,200	13,700	12,200
Percent Unemployed	13.2	13.1	11.0	7.9	7.2	6.3	15.3	14.8	13.6
Total Employment 2/	152,000	151,000	155,700	76,000	76,000	76,700	78,400	79,000	77,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,500	56,500	56,100	168,900	167,200	163,800	1,288.8	1,269.3	1,247.3
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,500	2,000	15,900	15,200	13,600	57.6	55.7	41.8
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.4	3.6	9.4	9.1	8.3	4.5	4.4	3.4
Total Employment 2/	56,800	54,000	54,100	153,000	152,000	150,200	1,231.2	1,224.6	1,205.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	202,500	200,500	195,500	596,000	592,700	573,200	95,700	94,600	90,700
Total Unemployment	24,200	23,200	18,700	28,100	28,600	22,300	11,100	11,000	8,000
Percent Unemployed	12.0	11.6	9.6	4.7	4.8	3.9	11.6	11.6	8.8
Total Employment 2/	178,300	177,300	176,800	567,900	564,100	550,900	84,600	83,600	82,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,657.2	1,639.9	1,621.2	76,600	76,400	73,200	39,600	39,600	38,600
Total Unemployment	124.9	120.0	107.0	5,100	5,100	3,500	7,000	7,200	7,300
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.3	6.6	6.7	6.7	4.8	17.7	18.2	18.9
Total Employment 2/	1,532.3	1,519.9	1,514.2	71,500	71,300	69,700	32,600	32,400	31,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,900	76,700	76,500	112,400	110,800	110,400	125,000	122,700	116,700
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,400	6,300	6,300	5,900	6,300	29,800	28,700	26,700
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.6	8.2	5.6	5.3	5.7	23.8	23.4	22.9
Total Employment 2/	69,600	69,300	70,200	106,100	104,900	104,100	95,200	94,000	90,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	66,300	66,600	62,200	69,200	69,400	64,700	50,200	49,800	48,800
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,100	2,500	3,900	3,900	3,800	2,200	2,500	1,900
Percent Unemployed	4.4	4.7	4.0	5.6	5.6	5.9	4.4	5.0	3.9
Total Employment 2/	63,400	63,500	59,700	65,300	65,500	60,900	48,000	47,300	46,900
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	527,800	521,800	504,700	42,900	42,400	41,200	50,900	50,600	47,600
Total Unemployment	31,300	29,300	23,100	3,300	2,900	2,500	4,900	4,500	3,800
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.6	4.6	7.7	6.8	6.1	9.6	8.9	8.0
Total Employment 2/	496,500	492,500	481,600	39,600	39,500	38,700	46,000	46,100	43,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,900	79,700	79,400	37,300	37,100	37,100	92,100	91,400	88,700
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,600	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,500	5,400	5,600	3,700
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.8	4.4	6.2	6.2	6.7	5.9	6.1	4.2
Total Employment 2/	76,300	75,100	75,900	35,000	34,800	34,600	86,700	85,800	85,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,800	61,500	60,800				7,826.8	7,754.9	7,582.1
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,600	2,700				552.5	536.0	447.5
Percent Unemployed	6.1	5.9	4.4				7.1	6.9	5.9
Total Employment 2/	58,000	57,900	58,100				7,274.3	7,218.9	7,134.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.± 1985	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984	Feb.± 1985	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984	Feb.± 1985	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$377.51	$379.35	$372.60	40.9	41.1	41.4	$ 9.23	$ 9.23	$ 9.00
Durable Goods	372.45	370.72	365.66	41.2	41.1	41.6	9.04	9.02	8.79
Lumber & Wood Products	253.37	250.13	256.49	38.1	37.5	39.4	6.65	6.67	6.51
Furniture & Fixtures	234.60	220.29	221.76	39.1	37.4	38.3	6.00	5.89	5.79
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	370.16	354.47	362.66	43.6	41.9	43.8	8.49	8.46	8.28
Primary Metal Industries	410.17	420.45	404.01	39.9	40.9	41.1	10.28	10.28	9.83
Fabricated Metal Products	368.43	363.21	355.19	42.3	41.7	40.5	8.71	8.71	8.77
Machinery, exc. Electric	376.33	384.02	377.83	41.4	42.2	42.5	9.09	9.10	8.89
Oil Field Machinery	458.34	480.91	484.55	42.4	43.6	44.7	10.81	11.03	10.84
Electric & Electronic Equip.	391.68	399.00	381.71	40.8	42.0	41.4	9.60	9.50	9.22
Transportation Equipment	523.02	513.15	510.22	42.8	42.2	44.6	12.22	12.16	11.44
Instruments & Related Prod.	295.30	289.93	297.61	38.5	38.3	38.5	7.67	7.57	7.73
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	254.31	243.02	272.69	37.9	36.6	38.9	6.71	6.64	7.01
Nondurable Goods	384.35	392.35	381.41	40.5	41.3	41.1	9.49	9.50	9.28
Food & Kindred Products	312.05	328.38	332.28	39.6	42.1	42.6	7.88	7.80	7.80
Meat Products	249.10	282.08	285.09	37.8	43.0	43.0	6.59	6.56	6.63
Malt Beverages	749.13	714.40	655.02	46.3	44.4	41.3	16.18	16.09	15.86
Textile Mill Products	275.26	279.47	270.76	40.9	41.9	40.9	6.73	6.67	6.62
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.27	192.65	184.09	38.5	38.3	37.8	5.02	5.03	4.87
Paper & Allied Products	412.41	426.15	418.47	41.7	42.7	43.5	9.89	9.98	9.62
Printing & Publishing	350.22	353.81	339.16	39.0	39.4	39.3	8.98	8.98	8.63
Chemicals & Allied Products	609.29	614.76	592.91	42.4	42.9	42.2	14.37	14.33	14.05
Petroleum & Coal Products	635.25	642.26	617.27	43.6	43.9	43.5	14.57	14.63	14.19
Petroleum Refining	660.00	666.27	641.36	44.0	44.3	43.6	15.00	15.04	14.71
Leather & Leather Products	224.24	197.22	205.15	39.9	35.6	37.3	5.62	5.54	5.50
Other Nondurable Goods	350.27	359.92	356.42	41.6	41.9	41.3	8.42	8.59	8.63
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	482.90	479.81	483.89	45.3	44.8	48.1	10.66	10.71	10.06
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.78	483.57	486.77	45.4	44.9	48.1	10.70	10.77	10.12
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	424.39	396.76	400.22	44.3	42.8	46.7	9.58	9.27	8.57
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	449.40	445.66	425.88	39.7	39.3	39.0	11.32	11.34	10.92
Elec., Gas & San. Services	441.45	442.30	430.36	40.5	40.1	41.5	10.90	11.03	10.37
Wholesale & Retail Trade	231.84	229.81	229.81	33.6	33.5	34.3	6.90	6.86	6.70
Wholesale Trade	363.13	361.03	350.64	39.3	39.2	39.8	9.24	9.21	8.81
Retail Trade	188.30	187.07	188.57	31.7	31.6	32.4	5.94	5.92	5.82
General Merchandise Stores	180.58	175.84	164.58	30.4	31.4	29.6	5.94	5.60	5.56
Banking	268.16	268.16	256.61	38.2	38.2	39.6	7.02	7.02	6.48

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$366.33	$365.92	$343.51	41.3	41.3	40.7	$ 8.87	$ 8.86	$ 8.44
Durable Goods	383.22	381.97	356.24	41.7	41.7	40.9	9.19	9.16	8.71
Nondurable Goods	328.85	332.51	320.37	40.3	40.5	40.4	8.16	8.21	7.93
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	376.13	377.73	371.42	41.7	41.6	42.4	9.02	9.08	8.76
Durable Goods	392.60	394.59	389.05	41.9	41.8	42.8	9.37	9.44	9.09
Nondurable Goods	336.18	337.02	325.86	41.3	41.1	41.3	8.14	8.20	7.89
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	462.00	473.24	444.11	42.0	43.1	41.7	11.00	10.98	10.65
Durable Goods	403.74	416.98	402.38	42.1	43.3	42.4	9.59	9.63	9.49
Nondurable Goods	541.35	548.70	501.43	41.9	42.8	40.9	12.92	12.82	12.26
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.31	263.84	268.77	39.4	38.8	40.6	6.81	6.80	6.62
Durable Goods	286.38	276.26	292.82	39.5	38.0	41.3	7.25	7.27	7.09
Nondurable Goods	250.49	250.43	245.78	39.2	39.5	39.9	6.39	6.34	6.16

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Milder weather also benefitted the construction industry, as 2,800 jobs were added over the month, primarily in special trades such as painting, electrical work, and masonry. Even this fairly large increase, however, failed to bring construction employment back up to its mid-1984 level.

Finance, insurance and real estate firms added 1,300 workers in February, with growth in both the other finance, insurance and real estate segment and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers. The only sector of transportation and public utilities which reported any additions in February was transportation, except railroads.

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The uncertainty concerning foreign oil prices kept oil and gas extraction activities at a standstill over the month, constraining employment in mining as a whole. Although a large number of persons hired for Christmas in retail trade had been released in January, most of the remaining seasonal hires were deleted in February following inventory-taking. The majority of these layoffs occurred in general merchandise stores.

Small, scattered increases among several durable and nondurable goods sectors were more than offset by a few larger declines, pushing manufacturing employment down by 400 in February. Those industries which reported sizeable additions included fabricated metal industries (the only durable goods industry which exhibited much growth); printing and publishing, where school yearbooks were being produced; and apparel and other finished textile products. Economic layoffs in electric and electronic equipment continued a downward trend in this industry as demand slowed. Lumber and wood products and miscellaneous manufacturing industries also recorded moderate cutbacks in February. There were an estimated 663,900 manufacturing production workers in February, up only 200 from January's estimate.

WEEKLY HOURS DROP

The average manufacturing production worker's hourly earnings remained constant between January and February, at $9.23 an hour; but average hours worked fell by 0.2 hour, to 40.9 hours, lowering average weekly earnings to $377.51, down $1.84 from January's average. All of the losses were concentrated in the nondurable goods sector, where employees worked almost a full hour less per week in February and hourly earnings dropped by 1¢ over the month. Average weekly earnings in nondurable goods dropped by $8.00 between January and February.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984
Total Population	16,143,900	15,878,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	2.0
UI Covered Employers	307,054	296,839
Total Claims Actions	502,829	575,621
Total Initial Claims Actions	64,706	65,079
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	438,123	510,542
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$137.27	$131.53
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$50,210,391	$58,807,792
Total Placements	30,906	34,328

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Review

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LABOR FORCE EXPANDS

The combination of a small upward trend in unemployment and a simultaneous sizeable increase in the number of job-holders pushed the total civilian labor force for Texas over the 8 million mark in March for the first time since July 1983. Although unemployment was up moderately, to 575,100 in the actual series, with the unemployment rate edging up from 7.1 percent in February to 7.2 percent in March, total employment also rose by 168,900 over the month to 7,443,200 in mid-March.

The expansion in both sectors of the labor force was generated by a surge of new and re-entrants into the labor market, many of whom were seeking part-time or seasonal work. The fact that so many of these entrants were able to find work is an indicator that the Texas economy is, despite somewhat higher unemployment rates, still healthy and growing. Almost a quarter of a million additional Texans have found jobs during the first quarter of 1985, a substantial increase during what is normally a relatively slow hiring period.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,393.0	113,592.0	111,827.0
Unemployment	8,625.0	8,902.0	9,057.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.8	8.1
Total Employment	105,768.0	104,690.0	102,770.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,515.0	115,084.0	112,906.0
Unemployment	8,396.0	8,399.0	8,783.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.8
Total Employment	107,119.0	106,685.0	104,123.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,018.3	7,826.8	7,736.5
Unemployment	575.1	552.5	505.8
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.1	6.5
Total Employment	7,443.2	7,274.3	7,230.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,052.0	7,880.0	7,774.0
Unemployment	568.0	541.0	502.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	6.9	6.5
Total Employment	7,484.0	7,339.0	7,272.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State also recorded a small gain between February and March, from 6.9 percent to 7.1 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate held constant over the month, at 7.3 percent. In the actual series, the Nation's unemployment rate declined modestly from 7.8 percent in February to 7.5 percent in March.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE

Despite declines in several industry groups, the count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas rose by 22,600 in March, to a total of 6,539,700. Milder weather and other seasonal influences were responsible for employment increases in several sectors over the month, with the largest gains in services and construction.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,400	53,700	52,200	80,200	79,600	79,800	347,300	344,800	317,400
Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,500	9,600	9,700	10,200	41,800	41,800	38,300
Mining	3,900	4,000	4,100	1,700	1,700	2,000	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,800	2,900	2,900	4,700	4,500	4,600	29,200	28,400	23,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	9,500	9,400	8,800
Trade	14,500	14,500	13,600	24,000	24,000	23,300	73,200	73,000	68,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,500	4,400	4,300	24,000	23,900	20,700
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,900	12,500	15,500	15,000	15,100	76,900	76,000	67,600
Government	8,100	8,200	8,000	13,900	14,000	13,800	91,600	91,200	89,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	139,300	139,900	143,100	58,900	58,300	58,800	65,400	64,400	63,700
Manufacturing	29,100	29,200	31,800	17,000	16,800	17,300	10,500	10,000	10,800
Mining	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,900	10,000	6,100	6,300	6,500	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,100	12,000	11,500	2,600	2,500	2,600	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	33,300	33,300	32,900	10,600	10,500	10,800	18,400	18,300	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	2,200	2,100	2,200	3,300	3,200	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,500	27,800	28,100	7,400	7,300	7,400	12,100	11,800	11,700
Government	20,100	20,100	20,300	10,700	10,500	9,600	14,300	14,300	13,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	47,800	134,200	133,800	131,600	1,228.9	1,227.5	1,206.8
Manufacturing	3,400	3,300	3,200	13,900	13,800	13,400	218.4	222.0	220.3
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,400	7,500	7,700	23.5	23.5	23.3
Construction	2,900	3,100	2,900	11,000	11,000	10,600	78.9	77.3	76.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,500	7,500	7,800	75.7	75.6	75.4
Trade	10,500	10,500	10,100	34,100	34,000	33,100	321.4	322.5	319.2
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,200	6,300	6,500	116.8	116.5	112.0
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,200	26,900	26,600	25,500	260.4	257.3	250.4
Government	20,700	20,600	19,500	27,200	27,100	27,000	133.8	132.8	129.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	172,300	171,900	169,900	475,500	472,500	459,100	72,900	72,600	70,400
Manufacturing	38,300	38,200	37,100	109,300	109,900	106,500	10,100	10,500	10,400
Mining	400	400	400	4,700	4,800	4,600	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	9,200	9,000	9,000	28,900	28,600	27,900	3,800	3,800	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,700	9,900	23,600	23,500	24,000	5,800	5,900	6,200
Trade	40,500	40,700	39,700	127,300	127,100	125,600	13,500	13,400	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,600	8,500	8,400	26,400	26,000	24,700	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	29,600	29,500	29,700	94,100	91,400	87,800	12,800	12,200	11,000
Government	36,100	35,900	35,700	61,200	61,200	58,000	21,000	20,900	19,000

An estimated 7,600 jobs were added in service industries in March, as anticipation of spring activities pushed employment up. Preparation for outdoor sports activities brought new hires in amusement, including motion pictures; and the prospective tourist season was responsible for increases in hotels and other lodging places. Tax preparation firms within personal services added workers for the busiest month of their season, and advances among temporary employment agencies helped boost employment in business and repair services.

Construction reported its largest over-the-month gain since a year ago, as 6,300 jobs were added between February and March 1985. Favorable weather conditions and heightened demand combined to produce this sizeable advance, which was still insufficient to pull construction employment back up to its year-ago level.

All sectors of government increased over the month, as federal agencies such as the Postal Service and IRS hired additional workers, and state and local government recorded more moderate growth. Although all three segments of finance, insurance and real estate showed increases in March, the largest occurred in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector, which includes loan and title companies.

Two major nonmanufacturing industries -- mining and trade -- showed over-the-month losses. As foreign oil prices continued to waver, employment in oil and gas

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,478.2	1,472.9	1,451.6	64,400	64,300	62,100	32,300	32,000	30,600
Manufacturing	174.1	173.6	175.6	8,600	8,500	8,300	1,800	1,700	1,900
Mining	97.5	97.2	93.7	--	--	--	1,700	1,700	1,600
Construction	109.2	109.2	119.4	3,700	3,600	3,600	1,200	1,100	1,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	102.6	102.5	99.3	3,200	3,200	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,300
Trade	368.6	367.4	365.4	15,700	15,600	14,900	9,900	9,800	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	112.7	111.6	105.5	2,800	2,700	2,500	1,600	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	332.2	330.6	319.0	11,900	12,000	11,600	5,000	5,000	4,900
Government	181.3	180.8	173.7	18,500	18,700	18,200	7,600	7,600	7,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,900	66,600	66,700	93,200	93,100	90,700	81,800	81,500	79,400
Manufacturing	15,400	15,200	15,200	8,800	8,800	9,200	11,500	11,300	10,700
Mining	4,800	4,700	4,800	500	600	500	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,700	4,400	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,400	5,000	5,100	4,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,300	16,200	16,300	26,900	27,200	26,200	25,000	25,100	24,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900	5,700	5,700	5,400	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	11,000	11,000	11,200	20,000	19,800	19,500	12,500	12,300	11,800
Government	8,400	8,500	8,100	21,600	21,500	20,900	20,500	20,500	20,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	53,300	53,600	50,400	54,500	55,000	50,800	38,400	38,400	37,400
Manufacturing	3,300	3,300	3,500	4,600	4,600	4,900	5,400	5,500	5,600
Mining	12,500	12,600	12,500	8,500	8,700	8,500	900	900	900
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,200	4,200	4,100	3,400	2,600	2,500	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,400	2,600	2,700	2,600	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,600	12,600	11,900	16,200	16,400	14,400	9,700	9,800	8,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	8,000	8,300	8,400	7,800	7,500	7,400	7,400
Government	6,900	7,000	5,500	7,800	7,800	7,000	6,700	6,700	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	470,100	467,600	452,700	37,100	37,100	36,100	46,100	46,100	43,100
Manufacturing	51,400	51,900	51,100	12,000	12,000	11,700	7,500	7,600	6,900
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,500	35,000	33,500	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,900	17,900	18,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,900	2,000
Trade	122,600	121,700	115,600	8,100	8,100	7,700	11,900	11,900	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	35,000	34,800	33,300	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	101,500	100,700	97,400	7,100	7,100	6,900	8,600	8,400	8,000
Government	102,700	102,100	100,300	4,900	4,900	4,900	12,800	12,800	12,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	61,300	60,700	60,400	29,600	29,400	28,700	77,000	77,000	75,000
Manufacturing	12,700	12,600	12,200	2,900	3,000	3,000	15,500	15,500	15,600
Mining	3,500	3,400	3,500	2,900	2,900	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,000	1,500	1,400	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	15,800	15,700	15,600	8,200	8,200	7,800	19,100	19,100	18,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,900	4,900	4,800
Services & Misc.	12,200	11,900	12,100	5,500	5,400	5,200	18,200	18,200	17,300
Government	8,000	8,000	7,900	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,700	11,700	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,500	51,500	51,200						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,000	8,900						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,300						
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,500	9,600	9,500						
Government	10,200	10,200	10,300						

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1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Mar. 1985*	Feb. 1985**	Mar. 1984**	Change From Feb. 1985	Change From Mar. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,539,700	6,517,100	6,382,300	22,600	157,400
Manufacturing	1,001,600	998,500	988,500	3,100	13,100
Durable Goods	579,000	580,500	573,300	-1,500	5,700
Lumber & Wood Products	41,700	41,600	42,200	100	-500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	6,900	7,300	0	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,400	17,600	18,000	-200	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,400	47,900	48,500	500	-100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	24,000	23,600	22,700	400	1,300
Primary Metal Industries	35,600	35,800	35,800	-200	-200
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,300	83,300	81,500	0	1,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,900	42,900	42,800	0	100
Machinery, Except Electrical	131,300	132,300	130,100	-1,000	1,200
Oil Field Machinery	40,100	40,500	38,500	-400	1,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,000	109,600	105,200	-600	3,800
Transportation Equipment	77,300	77,200	75,900	100	1,400
Aircraft & Parts	40,200	39,900	38,300	300	1,900
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,700	23,100	-200	-600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,500	13,000	0	-500
Nondurable Goods	422,600	418,000	415,200	4,600	7,400
Food & Kindred Products	102,500	97,000	92,900	5,500	9,600
Meat Products	25,700	25,900	24,900	-200	800
Dairy Products	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Bakery Products	11,700	11,600	10,600	100	1,100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,800	5,000	-100	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,300	60,700	62,700	-400	-2,400
Paper & Allied Products	23,600	23,800	23,700	-200	-100
Printing & Publishing	72,300	72,500	70,700	-200	1,600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,100	36,000	35,300	100	800
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,100	77,100	76,200	0	900
Petroleum & Coal Products	41,000	41,000	42,100	0	-1,100
Petroleum Refining	37,800	37,800	38,800	0	-1,000
Leather & Leather Products	7,600	7,600	8,200	0	-600
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,500	33,700	0	-200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,538,100	5,518,600	5,393,800	19,500	144,300
Mining	270,700	272,000	266,700	-1,300	4,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,300	262,600	257,100	-1,300	4,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,400	9,600	0	-200
Construction	431,900	425,600	432,100	6,300	-200
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,200	374,200	368,900	0	5,300
Railroad Transportation	24,400	24,400	25,200	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,200	183,200	175,200	0	8,000
Transportation by Air	37,900	38,000	38,100	-100	-200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,900	87,900	89,600	0	-1,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,700	78,700	78,900	0	-200
Electric Services	44,400	44,400	44,100	0	300
Gas Production & Distribution	28,100	28,100	29,000	0	-900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,606,100	1,607,000	1,591,600	-900	14,500
Wholesale Trade	427,200	427,500	431,900	-300	-4,700
Retail Trade	1,178,900	1,179,500	1,159,700	-600	19,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,600	53,200	53,800	1,400	800
General Merchandise Stores	151,800	152,200	148,400	-400	3,400
Food Stores	210,000	211,400	204,300	-1,400	5,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,700	135,100	132,300	600	3,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,100	80,000	79,500	100	600
Other Retail Trade	546,700	547,600	541,400	-900	5,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	423,600	422,100	411,000	1,500	12,600
Banking	105,800	105,500	103,600	300	2,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	129,600	129,200	126,100	400	3,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	188,200	187,400	181,300	800	6,900
Services	1,290,500	1,282,900	1,239,800	7,600	50,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,300	76,800	77,700	500	-400
Personal Services	82,400	81,800	76,700	600	5,700
Business & Repair Services	363,900	361,000	339,100	2,900	24,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,100	50,500	47,000	1,600	5,100
Health Services	342,700	342,700	343,500	0	-800
Educational Services	60,300	61,100	60,100	-800	200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	311,800	309,000	295,700	2,800	16,100
Total Government	1,141,100	1,134,800	1,083,700	6,300	57,400
Total Federal Government	184,600	181,800	175,100	2,800	9,500
Total State Government	275,100	273,300	249,500	1,800	25,600
Total Local Government	681,400	679,700	659,100	1,700	22,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**	Mar.'85*	Feb.'85**	Mar.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,500	63,500	63,100	101,900	99,700	100,000	399,600	387,600	360,600
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,100	3,000	5,800	5,800	4,900	16,100	13,700	12,200
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.9	4.8	5.7	5.8	4.9	4.0	3.5	3.4
Total Employment 2/	61,600	60,400	60,100	96,100	93,900	95,100	383,500	373,900	348,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	177,600	175,200	179,300	84,500	82,500	83,500	96,000	92,700	92,200
Total Unemployment	23,100	23,200	21,500	6,900	6,500	5,800	15,100	14,200	13,300
Percent Unemployed	13.0	13.2	12.0	8.2	7.9	6.9	15.7	15.3	14.4
Total Employment 2/	154,500	152,000	157,800	77,600	76,000	77,700	80,900	78,500	78,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,400	59,500	56,900	172,900	168,900	168,400	1,311.3	1,285.8	1,272.3
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,600	2,200	16,000	15,900	15,400	58.2	57.3	47.8
Percent Unemployed	4.3	4.4	3.9	9.3	9.4	9.1	4.4	4.5	3.8
Total Employment 2/	57,800	56,900	54,700	156,900	153,000	153,000	1,253.1	1,228.5	1,224.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	206,500	202,200	199,000	611,500	596,100	584,300	98,300	95,800	92,500
Total Unemployment	24,400	24,200	19,800	28,600	27,900	24,800	11,600	11,100	9,400
Percent Unemployed	11.8	12.0	9.9	4.7	4.7	4.2	11.8	11.6	10.2
Total Employment 2/	182,100	178,000	179,200	582,900	568,200	559,500	86,700	84,700	83,100
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,698.3	1,657.2	1,652.7	78,400	76,800	74,600	41,200	39,900	40,200
Total Unemployment	132.0	125.3	121.7	5,100	5,100	4,000	7,400	7,100	8,500
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.6	7.4	6.5	6.6	5.4	18.0	17.8	21.1
Total Employment 2/	1,566.3	1,531.9	1,531.0	73,300	71,700	70,600	33,800	32,800	31,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			McALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,000	77,000	78,100	114,600	112,300	111,800	128,400	125,300	121,100
Total Unemployment	7,800	7,300	7,200	6,500	6,300	7,100	30,500	30,100	29,700
Percent Unemployed	9.9	9.5	9.2	5.7	5.6	6.4	23.8	24.0	24.5
Total Employment 2/	71,200	69,700	70,900	108,100	106,000	104,700	97,900	95,200	91,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	67,100	65,900	63,500	70,600	69,900	65,800	51,100	49,800	49,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	2,900	2,900	4,200	4,000	4,200	2,600	2,200	2,300
Percent Unemployed	4.9	4.4	4.6	5.9	5.7	6.4	5.1	4.4	4.6
Total Employment 2/	63,800	63,000	60,600	66,400	65,900	61,600	48,500	47,600	47,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	544,100	529,500	515,700	43,800	42,800	41,400	51,900	51,100	48,300
Total Unemployment	33,500	31,200	26,500	3,500	3,300	2,400	4,700	4,900	4,000
Percent Unemployed	6.2	5.9	5.1	8.0	7.7	5.8	9.1	9.6	8.3
Total Employment 2/	510,600	498,300	489,200	40,300	39,500	39,000	47,200	46,200	44,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,200	80,800	80,400	38,500	37,400	37,800	93,800	92,100	89,900
Total Unemployment	4,900	4,600	3,300	2,500	2,300	2,800	5,200	5,400	4,200
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.7	4.7	6.5	6.1	7.4	5.5	5.9	4.7
Total Employment 2/	78,300	76,200	76,600	36,000	35,100	35,000	88,600	86,700	85,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,800	61,800	61,800				8,018.3	7,826.8	7,736.5
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,800	3,100				575.1	552.5	505.8
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.1	5.0				7.2	7.1	6.5
Total Employment 2/	59,100	58,000	58,700				7,443.2	7,274.3	7,230.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.± 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar.± 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar.± 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$378.73	$378.84	$375.78	40.9	41.0	41.8	$ 9.26	$ 9.24	$ 8.99
Durable Goods	376.24	372.45	365.75	41.3	41.2	41.8	9.11	9.04	8.75
Lumber & Wood Products	257.47	252.30	260.50	38.2	37.6	40.2	6.74	6.71	6.48
Furniture & Fixtures	234.08	239.79	221.18	38.5	40.3	38.4	6.08	5.95	5.76
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	370.22	365.84	355.93	43.3	43.5	43.3	8.55	8.41	8.22
Primary Metal Industries	413.43	411.06	410.06	40.1	40.3	41.8	10.31	10.20	9.81
Fabricated Metal Products	364.59	366.72	353.74	42.1	42.2	40.8	8.66	8.69	8.67
Machinery, exc. Electric	385.31	384.14	381.46	41.7	41.8	43.2	9.24	9.19	8.83
Oil Field Machinery	476.06	482.61	486.00	43.2	43.4	45.0	11.02	11.12	10.80
Electric & Electronic Equip.	385.84	391.41	380.14	40.7	40.9	41.5	9.48	9.57	9.16
Transportation Equipment	543.48	522.28	502.71	43.9	42.6	43.6	12.38	12.26	11.53
Instruments & Related Prod.	306.08	293.76	301.09	38.5	38.5	38.9	7.95	7.63	7.74
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	262.58	258.43	276.28	38.9	38.4	39.3	6.75	6.73	7.03
Nondurable Goods	382.18	385.29	388.74	40.4	40.6	41.8	9.46	9.49	9.30
Food & Kindred Products	312.73	317.98	337.55	40.3	40.2	43.0	7.76	7.91	7.85
Meat Products	272.41	253.72	285.78	41.4	38.5	42.4	6.58	6.59	6.74
Malt Beverages	701.19	726.08	722.25	44.1	46.1	45.0	15.90	15.75	16.05
Textile Mill Products	276.48	282.57	275.72	40.9	41.8	41.4	6.76	6.76	6.66
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	188.47	196.21	189.44	37.1	38.7	38.9	5.08	5.07	4.87
Paper & Allied Products	426.38	418.77	413.42	42.3	42.3	43.2	10.08	9.90	9.57
Printing & Publishing	352.68	350.61	352.46	39.1	39.0	40.7	9.02	8.99	8.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	608.10	611.24	595.85	42.2	42.3	42.5	14.41	14.45	14.02
Petroleum & Coal Products	636.11	622.80	641.84	43.9	43.1	45.2	14.49	14.45	14.20
Petroleum Refining	660.96	645.36	666.47	44.3	43.4	45.4	14.92	14.87	14.68
Leather & Leather Products	211.62	203.86	203.86	38.9	37.2	37.2	5.44	5.48	5.48
Other Nondurable Goods	341.94	354.90	362.91	41.7	42.0	41.1	8.20	8.45	8.83
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	494.34	490.82	474.16	46.2	46.0	46.9	10.70	10.67	10.11
Oil & Gas Extraction	496.65	494.19	477.44	46.2	46.1	46.9	10.75	10.72	10.18
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	426.60	424.39	402.87	45.0	44.3	46.9	9.48	9.58	8.69
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	434.41	436.30	425.02	39.6	39.7	39.1	10.97	10.99	10.87
Elec., Gas & San. Services	424.88	443.00	415.76	37.6	40.2	39.9	11.30	11.02	10.42
Wholesale & Retail Trade	234.55	231.49	231.47	33.7	33.5	34.6	6.96	6.91	6.69
Wholesale Trade	369.03	365.10	354.00	39.3	39.3	40.0	9.39	9.29	8.85
Retail Trade	190.16	187.11	189.66	31.8	31.5	32.7	5.98	5.94	5.80
General Merchandise Stores	189.00	178.09	163.68	31.5	30.6	30.2	6.00	5.82	5.42
Banking	270.05	270.40	256.75	38.8	38.3	39.5	6.96	7.06	6.50

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$370.46	$369.29	$346.49	41.3	41.4	41.2	$ 8.97	$ 8.92	$ 8.41
Durable Goods	387.99	385.48	358.94	41.9	41.9	41.4	9.26	9.20	8.67
Nondurable Goods	332.40	333.68	322.34	40.0	40.3	40.7	8.31	8.28	7.92
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	387.96	378.64	369.73	42.4	41.7	42.4	9.15	9.08	8.72
Durable Goods	409.27	398.69	382.39	42.9	42.1	42.3	9.54	9.47	9.04
Nondurable Goods	335.37	330.48	336.54	41.2	40.7	42.6	8.14	8.12	7.90
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	467.08	466.40	460.10	42.5	42.4	42.8	10.99	11.00	10.75
Durable Goods	403.08	412.59	407.73	41.9	42.8	43.1	9.62	9.64	9.46
Nondurable Goods	553.81	539.67	528.33	43.3	41.9	42.3	12.79	12.88	12.49
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	270.38	268.71	270.85	39.3	39.4	41.1	6.88	6.82	6.59
Durable Goods	299.49	292.07	298.62	40.2	39.9	42.0	7.45	7.32	7.11
Nondurable Goods	242.30	245.85	244.82	38.4	38.9	40.2	6.31	6.32	6.09

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

extraction dropped to its lowest level since May 1984, curtailing mining by 1,300 in March. Within trade, a fairly large seasonal increase in building materials and garden supplies was more than offset by an equal-sized decline in food stores and smaller dips in other retail trade and general merchandise stores.

The return of workers to their jobs in food and kindred products following settlement of a labor-management dispute provided the only gain of any magnitude within manufacturing in March. Two sizeable losses in durable goods pulled employment down by 1,500 over the month. Economic layoffs in several sectors of nonelectrical machinery shrank employment in this industry by 1,000; and continued cutbacks in electric and electronic equipment accounted for the loss of 600 additional jobs. The most substantial growth in durable goods was recorded in the concrete, gypsum and plaster sector of stone, clay and glass products.

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Aside from the gain of 5,500 returning workers in preserved fruits and vegetables which boosted employment in food and kindred products, the largest over-the-month changes were moderate declines in apparel and other finished textile products, in paper and allied products, and in printing and publishing.

HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE SLIGHTLY

There were an estimated 672,200 manufacturing production workers in March 1985, up 8,600 from the February estimate. The average worker was paid $9.26 an hour for a 40.9-hour week, and earned $378.73 a week in March. Although hourly earnings were up both over the month and over the year, the number of hours worked decreased by 0.1 hour from February and by almost a whole hour from March 1984. Although the average number of hours worked declined in several industries over the month, the durable goods sector reported the largest drops, in such industries as malt beverages and apparel and other textile products.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
First Quarter 1985
(January-March)

Abilene	$ 813,668
Amarillo	2,202,625
Austin	2,413,079
Beaumont-Port Arthur	9,860,880
Brazoria PMSA	2,431,466
Brownsville-Harlingen	4,167,208
Bryan-College Station	747,107
Corpus Christi	5,559,085
Dallas PMSA	14,668,988
El Paso	6,737,010
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	7,621,999
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,795,366
Houston PMSA	47,781,875
Killeen-Temple	1,126,226
Laredo	1,440,560
Longview-Marshall	2,668,247
Lubbock	1,362,758
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	6,261,390
Midland	770,958
Odessa	1,214,544
San Angelo	545,170
San Antonio	6,788,271
Sherman-Denison	1,476,226
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,118,576
Tyler	1,842,743
Victoria	679,514
Waco	1,885,252
Wichita Falls	1,430,536

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1984
Total Population	16,166,000	15,900,800*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.7
UI Covered Employers	306,653	296,395
Total Claims Actions	513,792	529,480
Total Initial Claims Actions	63,786	52,739
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	450,006	476,741
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$137.47	$133.20
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$53,604,438	$55,014,932
Total Placements	38,596	42,872

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Review

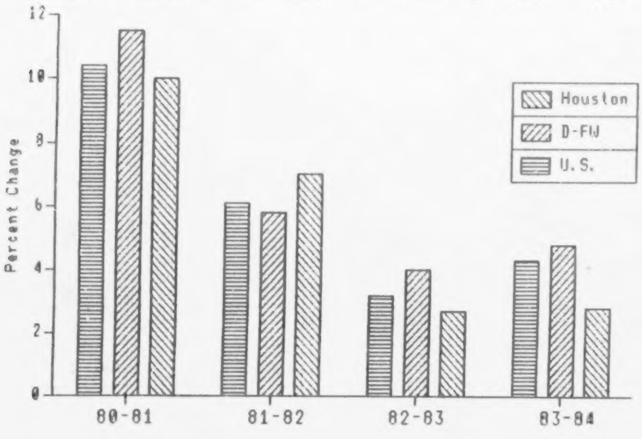
TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MAY 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is used to measure changes in the price of a fixed "market-basket of goods" over time. These goods include food, housing, transportation, and services purchased by a selected sample of consumers each month. Although this sample is not adequate to provide data for the entire State of Texas, information is available bimonthly for the Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Areas.

The CPI shows the relative cost of goods and services on a current and historical basis, compared to its cost in 1967. Inflation pushed the CPI up substantially since 1978; however, between 1981 and 1984 the rate of change has slowed. The chart below shows annual percentage changes in the CPI for the U. S., Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston:

Percent Change in Consumer Price Index 1980-1984



CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,325.0	114,393.0	112,153.0
Unemployment	8,150.0	8,625.0	8,525.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.5	7.6
Total Employment	106,175.0	105,768.0	103,628.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,371.0	115,515.0	113,202.0
Unemployment	8,426.0	8,396.0	8,800.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.8
Total Employment	106,945.0	107,119.0	104,402.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,914.7	8,018.3	7,758.1
Unemployment	499.2	575.1	500.3
Percent Unemployed	6.3	7.2	6.4
Total Employment	7,415.5	7,443.2	7,257.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,966.0	8,052.0	7,809.0
Unemployment	524.0	568.0	527.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	7.1	6.7
Total Employment	7,442.0	7,484.0	7,282.0

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The number of jobless Texans dropped between March and April by 75,900, pulling the actual unemployment rate down from 7.2 percent to 6.3 percent in mid-April. The majority of the decrease in unemployment was the result of a sharp decline in the number of new and re-entrants into the labor force. Total employment also dropped over the month, levelling off somewhat from its strong growth during the first quarter of the year. In April, in the actual series there were 7,415,500 job-holders in the State, with an estimated 499,200 unemployed. The contraction in the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,700	53,700	52,100	80,500	80,300	79,800	349,300	347,400	323,300
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,700	9,800	10,300	42,000	41,800	38,800
Mining	3,900	3,900	3,900	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	5,000	4,800	4,600	29,500	29,300	24,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	2,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	9,500	9,500	8,800
Trade	14,500	14,500	13,600	24,100	24,000	23,300	73,900	73,300	70,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,400	4,500	4,300	24,400	24,000	21,300
Services & Misc.	13,000	12,900	12,500	15,600	15,400	15,300	77,600	76,900	69,300
Government	8,100	8,100	8,100	13,700	13,800	13,600	91,300	91,500	89,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	139,000	139,300	142,300	59,100	59,100	59,800	65,000	65,100	63,900
Manufacturing	28,900	29,000	31,600	17,100	17,000	17,400	10,100	10,200	10,800
Mining	2,900	3,000	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,800	8,700	8,500	5,900	6,100	6,800	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,800	12,000	11,800	2,400	2,600	2,600	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	33,500	33,400	33,300	10,900	10,600	11,200	18,400	18,500	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,700	2,300	2,200	2,200	3,400	3,300	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,500	27,500	28,300	7,500	7,600	7,600	12,100	12,000	11,900
Government	20,000	20,100	20,300	10,700	10,700	9,600	14,200	14,300	13,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	47,700	135,300	135,000	132,100	1,236.2	1,232.6	1,209.5
Manufacturing	3,400	3,300	3,200	13,900	14,000	13,500	221.1	221.3	220.9
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,400	7,500	7,600	23.5	23.6	23.3
Construction	3,000	3,100	2,800	11,800	11,600	10,900	80.3	79.4	76.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,500	7,500	7,900	76.0	75.7	75.4
Trade	10,700	10,600	10,000	34,300	34,100	33,100	324.3	323.9	319.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	117.0	116.5	112.2
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,400	7,300	26,900	26,800	25,500	260.0	258.6	251.7
Government	20,500	20,700	19,500	27,200	27,200	27,100	134.0	133.6	129.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	173,600	172,700	170,700	482,300	477,400	465,200	73,600	72,700	70,400
Manufacturing	39,500	38,700	37,300	110,000	109,800	106,700	10,200	10,000	10,000
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,100	9,200	9,000	29,200	28,800	28,100	3,800	3,600	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,500	9,800	23,700	23,600	24,000	5,900	6,000	6,100
Trade	41,000	40,600	40,000	130,300	128,400	128,200	13,900	13,400	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,600	8,300	26,500	26,400	24,800	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	30,000	29,700	30,100	96,300	94,200	90,600	12,900	12,700	11,200
Government	35,700	36,000	35,800	61,700	61,400	58,400	21,000	21,100	18,900

labor force total indicated that many people who had entered the labor market seeking jobs were unable to find work and had once again withdrawn. In the seasonally adjusted series for the State, unemployment took a more moderate drop -- from 7.1 percent in March to 6.6 percent in April. The National seasonally adjusted rate remained at 7.3 percent over the month, while the actual rate declined slightly, from 7.5 percent to 7.1 percent in April.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT EDGES UPWARD

Several sizeable declines in manufacturing industries combined with two large losses in nonmanufacturing sectors to hold growth in nonagricultural wage and salary employment to a minimum in April. Only 4,300 nonfarm salaried jobs were added over the month, despite some fairly significant increases in a few industries. The nonmanufacturing sector generated almost all of the over-the-month growth, as seasonal factors helped push employment up in that group by almost 10,000. The largest gains occurred in retail trade, where every sector registered at least moderate increases. The "other retail trade" sector, which includes restaurants and specialty stores, recorded the largest number of additions in trade, with 1,900 new hires. General merchandise stores also contributed a sizeable number of jobs, and more moderate gains were reported in the other sectors of trade.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**
Industry	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,482.3	1,475.8	1,458.2	65,300	64,800	62,800	32,700	32,400	31,100
Manufacturing	173.7	173.4	176.0	8,400	8,500	8,600	1,900	1,800	2,000
Mining	97.0	97.4	95.0	--	--	--	1,700	1,700	1,600
Construction	108.9	108.5	119.5	3,800	3,800	3,600	1,200	1,200	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	102.1	103.1	99.6	3,200	3,200	3,000	3,600	3,500	3,300
Trade	369.0	366.7	366.1	16,100	15,800	15,100	10,000	10,000	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	114.3	112.5	106.4	2,900	2,800	2,500	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	334.9	332.7	320.7	12,100	12,000	11,600	5,100	5,000	5,000
Government	182.4	181.5	174.9	18,800	18,700	18,400	7,600	7,600	7,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,700	66,700	67,200	93,100	93,000	90,500	81,600	82,000	79,100
Manufacturing	15,200	15,200	15,300	8,800	8,800	8,800	10,800	11,400	10,500
Mining	4,800	4,700	4,800	500	500	500	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,600	4,800	4,900	4,900	4,800	4,200	4,400	4,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,400	5,100	5,100	4,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,400	16,400	16,400	26,900	26,800	26,200	25,200	25,100	24,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900	5,800	5,700	5,400	3,600	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	11,000	10,700	11,200	19,700	19,800	19,600	12,400	12,500	11,900
Government	8,400	8,600	8,300	21,400	21,500	21,000	20,700	20,600	20,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,400	53,200	50,600	53,900	54,300	51,300	38,500	38,500	37,500
Manufacturing	3,200	3,400	3,600	4,600	4,600	4,800	5,400	5,400	5,500
Mining	12,100	12,400	12,700	8,200	8,300	8,700	900	900	800
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,700	4,100	4,000	3,500	2,600	2,600	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,400	12,400	11,900	16,300	16,300	14,800	9,800	9,800	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,100	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,900	9,100	8,000	8,200	8,400	7,600	7,600	7,500	7,400
Government	6,900	7,000	5,800	7,800	7,800	7,100	6,600	6,700	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	471,900	470,000	456,300	37,000	37,100	36,300	46,000	46,000	43,400
Manufacturing	51,400	51,400	51,300	11,900	12,000	12,000	7,500	7,600	6,900
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,900	35,700	34,500	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,800	1,700	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	17,700	17,900	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	123,600	122,600	117,400	8,100	8,100	7,500	11,800	11,600	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	34,900	35,000	33,300	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,600	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	101,700	101,300	98,500	7,100	7,100	7,000	8,500	8,500	8,200
Government	102,900	102,800	100,000	4,900	4,900	4,900	12,800	12,900	12,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	61,500	61,300	61,000	29,600	29,500	29,100	77,900	77,100	75,600
Manufacturing	12,700	12,700	12,500	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,700	15,600	15,700
Mining	3,600	3,500	3,600	2,800	2,900	2,900	--	--	--
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,600	4,200	4,000	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,700	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,400
Trade	15,900	15,900	15,600	8,200	8,100	7,900	19,400	19,100	18,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	1,700	1,600	1,600	5,000	5,000	4,700
Services & Misc.	12,100	12,200	12,200	5,400	5,400	5,400	18,300	18,200	17,500
Government	8,100	8,000	7,900	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,700	11,600	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,500	51,400	51,400						
Manufacturing	8,900	9,100	9,100						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,300						
Construction	2,200	2,000	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,500						
Government	10,200	10,100	10,300						

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Apr. 1985*	Mar. 1985**	Apr. 1984**	Change From Mar. 1985	Change From Apr. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,550,700	6,546,400	6,417,000	4,300	133,700
Manufacturing	993,600	999,200	993,300	-5,600	300
Durable Goods	578,600	580,000	576,900	-1,400	1,700
Lumber & Wood Products	41,800	41,600	43,000	200	-1,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	6,900	7,400	100	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,100	17,500	17,800	-400	-700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,600	48,200	48,900	400	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	24,400	23,900	22,800	500	1,600
Primary Metal Industries	35,800	35,800	35,900	0	-100
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,900	83,200	82,400	700	1,500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,000	42,800	42,900	200	100
Machinery, Except Electrical	130,200	131,400	131,100	-1,200	-900
Oil Field Machinery	40,000	40,100	38,800	-100	1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	107,400	109,500	106,000	-2,100	1,400
Transportation Equipment	78,600	78,000	75,600	600	3,000
Aircraft & Parts	40,500	40,200	38,200	300	2,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	22,600	23,200	100	-500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,200	13,000	300	-500
Nondurable Goods	415,000	419,200	416,400	-4,200	-1,400
Food & Kindred Products	95,200	98,600	92,400	-3,400	2,800
Meat Products	25,700	25,800	24,400	-100	1,300
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	200
Bakery Products	11,900	11,900	10,700	0	1,200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,200	60,400	63,100	-200	-2,900
Paper & Allied Products	23,400	23,600	23,700	-200	-300
Printing & Publishing	72,700	72,900	71,700	-200	1,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,800	36,600	35,900	200	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,100	77,100	76,500	0	600
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,700	40,800	42,100	-100	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	37,500	37,600	38,900	-100	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,600	8,200	-100	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,500	33,700	0	-200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,557,100	5,547,200	5,423,700	9,900	133,400
Mining	268,400	270,600	267,300	-2,200	1,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	259,000	261,200	257,800	-2,200	1,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,400	9,500	0	-100
Construction	434,600	432,300	431,400	2,300	3,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	371,000	373,800	370,400	-2,800	600
Railroad Transportation	24,300	24,300	25,400	0	-1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	180,300	183,300	176,600	-3,000	3,700
Transportation by Air	38,200	38,200	38,400	0	-200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,500	87,400	89,500	100	-2,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,900	78,800	78,900	100	0
Electric Services	44,400	44,400	44,200	0	200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,200	28,100	28,900	100	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,620,900	1,615,900	1,607,000	5,000	13,900
Wholesale Trade	427,100	427,400	432,300	-300	-5,200
Retail Trade	1,193,800	1,188,500	1,174,700	5,300	19,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,000	54,500	55,200	500	-200
General Merchandise Stores	153,500	152,500	149,700	1,000	3,800
Food Stores	212,000	211,300	207,500	700	4,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,700	136,100	133,900	600	2,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,100	80,500	80,000	600	1,100
Other Retail Trade	555,500	553,600	548,400	1,900	7,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	424,600	423,700	412,100	900	12,500
Banking	105,800	105,800	103,800	0	2,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	129,800	129,700	126,200	100	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	189,000	188,200	182,100	800	6,900
Services	1,295,800	1,291,100	1,249,600	4,700	46,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	78,400	78,000	78,000	400	400
Personal Services	83,600	82,400	77,400	1,200	6,200
Business & Repair Services	362,700	362,000	343,500	700	19,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,700	52,100	49,200	1,600	4,500
Health Services	343,300	343,600	342,700	-300	600
Educational Services	61,800	61,100	60,600	700	1,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	312,300	311,900	298,200	400	14,100
Total Government	1,141,800	1,139,800	1,085,900	2,000	55,900
Total Federal Government	185,900	184,300	175,700	1,600	10,200
Total State Government	273,900	274,300	250,500	-400	23,400
Total Local Government	682,000	681,200	659,700	800	22,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,900	64,400	63,000	100,800	101,900	99,700	396,200	399,600	367,800
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,900	3,000	5,200	5,800	4,600	13,800	16,000	13,700
Percent Unemployed	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.7	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7
Total Employment 2/	61,100	61,500	60,000	95,600	96,100	95,100	382,400	383,600	354,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	173,900	177,400	180,000	83,400	84,400	83,700	92,900	95,800	92,700
Total Unemployment	20,900	23,200	21,800	6,200	6,900	5,600	12,800	15,100	13,300
Percent Unemployed	12.0	13.1	12.1	7.4	8.2	6.7	13.8	15.8	14.3
Total Employment 2/	153,000	154,200	158,200	77,200	77,500	78,100	80,100	80,700	79,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,400	60,500	56,800	171,200	173,700	169,200	1,300.5	1,314.2	1,270.3
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,600	2,200	13,700	16,000	15,200	51.2	58.2	48.1
Percent Unemployed	3.7	4.3	3.9	8.0	9.2	9.0	3.9	4.4	3.8
Total Employment 2/	57,200	57,900	54,600	157,500	157,700	154,000	1,249.3	1,256.0	1,222.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	203,400	207,000	199,000	613,000	613,000	589,700	97,000	98,400	92,900
Total Unemployment	21,300	24,500	19,400	26,800	28,600	24,800	9,900	11,600	9,500
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.8	9.7	4.4	4.7	4.2	10.2	11.8	10.2
Total Employment 2/	182,100	182,500	179,600	586,200	584,400	564,900	87,100	86,800	83,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,673.8	1,695.9	1,653.4	77,900	78,600	75,300	39,900	41,200	40,200
Total Unemployment	117.9	132.1	121.0	4,500	5,000	4,000	6,100	7,400	8,200
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.8	7.3	5.8	6.4	5.3	15.3	18.0	20.4
Total Employment 2/	1,555.9	1,563.8	1,532.4	73,400	73,600	71,300	33,800	33,800	32,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	78,600	77,900	112,900	114,300	111,300	121,500	128,400	118,400
Total Unemployment	7,100	7,800	6,900	5,800	6,500	6,900	24,100	30,500	26,900
Percent Unemployed	9.1	9.9	8.9	5.1	5.7	6.2	19.8	23.8	22.7
Total Employment 2/	70,600	70,800	71,000	107,100	107,800	104,400	97,400	97,900	91,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,000	66,700	63,200	68,800	70,100	66,400	50,500	51,300	49,400
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,300	2,800	3,800	4,200	4,100	2,200	2,600	2,200
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.9	4.4	5.5	6.0	6.2	4.4	5.1	4.5
Total Employment 2/	62,100	63,400	60,400	65,000	65,900	62,300	48,300	48,700	47,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	534,600	543,500	517,900	42,900	43,700	41,600	51,400	51,900	48,400
Total Unemployment	26,500	33,400	26,400	2,900	3,500	2,400	4,200	4,800	4,000
Percent Unemployed	5.0	6.1	5.1	6.8	8.0	5.8	8.2	9.2	8.3
Total Employment 2/	508,100	510,100	491,500	40,000	40,200	39,200	47,200	47,100	44,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,600	83,000	80,500	38,000	38,500	37,900	92,900	93,800	90,400
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,900	3,900	2,200	2,500	2,600	4,600	5,200	4,100
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.9	4.8	5.8	6.5	6.9	5.0	5.5	4.5
Total Employment 2/	77,500	78,100	76,600	35,800	36,000	35,300	88,300	88,600	86,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,500	62,600	61,800				7,914.7	8,018.3	7,758.1
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,700	2,900				499.2	575.1	500.3
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.9	4.7				6.3	7.2	6.4
Total Employment 2/	58,400	58,900	58,900				7,415.5	7,443.2	7,257.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings Apr.± 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Apr. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Apr.± 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Apr. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Apr.± 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Apr. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$380.66	$382.64	$374.88	40.8	41.1	41.7	$ 9.33	$ 9.31	$ 8.99
Durable Goods	373.51	376.24	366.59	41.0	41.3	41.8	9.11	9.11	8.77
Lumber & Wood Products	259.58	257.26	256.71	38.4	38.0	39.8	6.76	6.77	6.45
Furniture & Fixtures	237.16	239.68	217.55	38.5	39.1	37.9	6.16	6.13	5.74
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	379.70	370.19	360.36	44.1	43.5	44.0	8.61	8.51	8.19
Primary Metal Industries	410.57	409.24	415.58	39.9	40.2	41.6	10.29	10.18	9.99
Fabricated Metal Products	363.66	369.25	354.19	41.8	42.2	40.9	8.70	8.75	8.66
Machinery, exc. Electric	384.29	388.32	378.81	41.1	41.8	42.9	9.35	9.29	8.83
Oil Field Machinery	480.22	486.95	475.88	42.8	43.4	43.9	11.22	11.22	10.84
Electric & Electronic Equip.	373.32	388.14	382.39	39.8	40.6	41.7	9.38	9.56	9.17
Transportation Equipment	533.66	532.95	515.65	43.6	43.4	44.3	12.24	12.28	11.64
Instruments & Related Prod.	294.14	297.60	299.15	38.3	38.8	38.7	7.68	7.67	7.73
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	255.96	260.84	271.13	38.9	38.7	38.9	6.58	6.74	6.97
Nondurable Goods	389.61	391.41	386.98	40.5	40.9	41.7	9.62	9.57	9.28
Food & Kindred Products	329.13	326.30	330.85	41.4	41.2	42.2	7.95	7.92	7.84
Meat Products	272.08	278.05	276.81	41.1	41.5	41.5	6.62	6.70	6.67
Malt Beverages	711.73	756.50	712.62	44.4	46.9	44.4	16.03	16.13	16.05
Textile Mill Products	281.81	281.15	293.63	41.2	41.9	43.5	6.84	6.71	6.75
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	181.48	189.58	190.21	34.9	37.1	39.3	5.20	5.11	4.84
Paper & Allied Products	409.12	427.06	430.84	41.2	42.2	44.6	9.93	10.12	9.66
Printing & Publishing	361.27	355.11	351.24	39.7	39.5	40.7	9.10	8.99	8.63
Chemicals & Allied Products	600.53	616.07	588.28	42.5	42.4	41.9	14.13	14.53	14.04
Petroleum & Coal Products	649.44	646.59	631.54	44.3	44.5	44.6	14.66	14.53	14.16
Petroleum Refining	673.46	670.81	656.77	44.6	44.9	44.8	15.10	14.94	14.66
Leather & Leather Products	206.83	214.27	192.92	37.2	38.4	36.4	5.56	5.58	5.30
Other Nondurable Goods	372.81	361.24	371.96	43.0	42.7	41.7	8.67	8.46	8.92
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	486.80	487.43	481.44	45.2	45.3	47.2	10.77	10.76	10.20
Oil & Gas Extraction	489.06	489.69	483.80	45.2	45.3	47.2	10.82	10.81	10.25
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	430.08	432.62	433.59	44.8	45.3	47.7	9.60	9.55	9.09
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	436.24	434.67	422.58	38.3	38.5	39.2	11.39	11.29	10.78
Elec., Gas & San. Services	448.55	437.00	425.72	39.8	38.3	40.2	11.27	11.41	10.59
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.40	234.55	230.82	33.2	33.7	34.4	7.00	6.96	6.71
Wholesale Trade	371.45	367.75	358.09	39.6	39.5	40.1	9.38	9.31	8.93
Retail Trade	187.82	191.12	187.92	31.2	31.8	32.4	6.02	6.01	5.80
General Merchandise Stores	188.15	184.20	162.30	30.2	30.7	30.0	6.23	6.00	5.41
Banking	269.50	269.43	265.47	38.5	38.6	39.8	7.00	6.98	6.67

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$362.56	$368.40	$349.73	40.6	41.3	41.0	$ 8.93	$ 8.92	$ 8.53
Durable Goods	377.92	382.95	364.68	40.9	41.4	41.3	9.24	9.25	8.83
Nondurable Goods	329.57	335.38	319.95	39.9	40.9	40.5	8.26	8.20	7.90
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	386.14	389.43	371.39	41.7	42.1	42.3	9.26	9.25	8.78
Durable Goods	407.23	413.76	384.99	42.2	42.7	42.4	9.65	9.69	9.08
Nondurable Goods	334.95	328.05	336.42	40.6	40.5	42.0	8.25	8.10	8.01
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	471.16	474.82	461.55	42.6	42.7	42.5	11.06	11.12	10.86
Durable Goods	416.75	416.08	404.92	42.7	42.5	42.4	9.76	9.79	9.55
Nondurable Goods	544.85	554.27	539.71	42.5	43.0	42.8	12.82	12.89	12.61
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.32	271.55	278.97	39.0	39.7	41.7	6.88	6.84	6.69
Durable Goods	297.88	303.40	313.90	40.2	41.0	43.0	7.41	7.40	7.30
Nondurable Goods	241.30	241.40	246.24	38.0	38.5	40.5	6.35	6.27	6.08

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Spring outdoor activities generated 1,600 additions in amusement, including motion pictures, as recreational sports picked up. The impending income tax deadline boosted employment in personal services, and smaller increases were noted in most other service sectors. Construction benefitted from better weather and more favorable economic conditions, adding 2,300 jobs over the month.

Intensified hiring by the Postal Service as income tax deadlines approached helped push federal government employment up by 1,600 in April. Local government registered a smaller gain, while state government jobs decreased slightly. Water transportation declined sharply as port activity slowed temporarily, pushing employment in transportation and utilities down by 2,800 in April. Ample supplies of oil and gas products which held demand to a minimum produced a sizeable drop in the drilling sector of mining.

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Although several manufacturing industries recorded moderate growth in April, large declines in three industries, together with some smaller losses, shrank factory employment by 5,600. Within durable goods, there were modest gains in fabricated metal products, transportation equipment, and stone, clay and glass products. These increases were partially countered by layoffs and a labor-management dispute which dropped employment in electric and electronic equipment by 2,100. Economic layoffs in nonelectrical machinery dropped an additional 1,200 positions over the month, further nullifying the growth in other durable goods industries.

Almost every nondurable goods segment experienced at least a small decrease over the month; but all of the declines were moderate, with one exception. Seasonal layoffs, primarily in the preserved fruits and vegetables portion of food and kindred products, reduced employment in this category by 3,400 in April. There were an estimated 663,200 manufacturing production workers in Texas in April, down 2,100 from the previous month.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS DROP

A slowdown occurred among manufacturers over the month, as many durable and nondurable industries reported fewer hours worked. Although average hourly earnings rose by 2¢ in April, the number of hours worked decreased by 0.3 hour, dropping average weekly earnings by $1.98 between March and April. In mid-April, the average factory production worker made $9.33 per hour for a 40.8-hour week and earned $380.66 a week.

Compared to a year earlier, average weekly hours were down 0.9 hour but average hourly earnings had risen by 34¢, raising average weekly earnings by $5.78.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984
Total Population	16,188,100	15,922,900*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.9
UI Covered Employers	309,958	297,935
Total Claims Actions	511,517	439,621
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,131	51,297
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	450,386	388,324
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	131.81	134.67
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$55,150,790	$45,423,006
Total Placements	43,011	45,519

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

Total unemployment in Texas rose between April and May by 17,700, as the beginning surge of students and other summer job-seekers entered the labor force. The increase brought the number of unemployed to 516,900 at mid-May and pushed the actual unemployment rate up from 6.3 percent in April to 6.6 percent in May. The current rate was a full percentage point above the year-ago rate of 5.6 percent.

The number of job-holders declined by 55,500 over the month, to total 7,360,000 in mid-May in the actual series. The current employment level was slightly below the May 1984 estimate. The seasonally adjusted rate followed the same pattern as the actual, rising from 6.6 percent in April to 6.9 percent in May. The current seasonally adjusted rate was also a full percentage point below the rate for May 1984. The U. S. continued to register little change in unemployment over the month, as the seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged at 7.3 percent and the actual rate inched down from 7.1 percent in April to 7.0 percent in May.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,890.0	114,325.0	113,250.0
Unemployment	8,011.0	8,150.0	8,154.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.1	7.2
Total Employment	106,879.0	106,175.0	105,096.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,373.0	115,371.0	113,722.0
Unemployment	8,413.0	8,426.0	8,560.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.5
Total Employment	106,960.0	106,945.0	105,162.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,876.9	7.914.7	7,850.5
Unemployment	516.9	499.2	438.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.3	5.6
Total Employment	7,360.0	7,415.5	7,412.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,919.0	7,966.0	7,890.0
Unemployment	544.0	524.0	462.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.6	5.9
Total Employment	7,375.0	7,442.0	7,428.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE

An additional 18,900 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs were added in Texas between April and May, bringing the total to 6,580,400. The over-the-month expansion was not evenly distributed, however, as the nonmanufacturing sector generated all of the increase while manufacturing declined once again.

Seasonal influences were responsible for much of the monthly growth in nonmanufacturing, which added 21,000 jobs in May. About one-third of this increase occurred in the retail sector of trade. While almost every trade sector recorded advances, the most prominent gains were in food stores and in other retail trade, which includes eating and drinking places.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**	May.'85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,900	53,800	52,200	81,000	80,500	80,800	351,300	349,600	324,600
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,800	9,700	10,400	41,900	41,700	39,100
Mining	3,900	3,900	4,000	1,600	1,700	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	3,000	2,900	2,800	5,100	5,000	4,700	29,700	29,400	24,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	6,400	6,300	6,600	9,500	9,500	8,900
Trade	14,600	14,500	13,700	24,300	24,100	23,900	74,300	74,300	70,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,300	24,500	24,500	21,800
Services & Misc.	12,900	13,000	12,400	15,400	15,500	15,400	78,500	77,600	69,700
Government	8,100	8,100	8,100	14,000	13,800	13,600	91,800	91,500	89,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	138,500	138,900	143,800	58,900	59,100	60,000	64,900	65,000	64,000
Manufacturing	28,600	28,800	31,700	16,800	17,000	17,400	10,200	10,000	10,800
Mining	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,700	8,700	9,400	5,800	6,000	7,000	3,600	3,500	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,800	11,700	2,500	2,400	2,600	3,100	3,200	3,200
Trade	33,600	33,600	33,800	11,000	10,900	11,200	18,400	18,400	17,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,700	2,400	2,300	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,500	27,500	28,400	7,500	7,500	7,600	11,900	12,100	11,800
Government	19,900	20,000	20,100	10,600	10,700	9,600	14,200	14,300	13,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	49,800	50,300	47,400	135,000	135,200	133,300	1,237.6	1,236.2	1,214.6
Manufacturing	3,300	3,400	3,200	13,600	13,800	13,600	220.8	220.8	222.2
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,200	7,400	7,800	23.7	23.6	23.3
Construction	2,800	3,000	2,800	12,000	12,000	10,900	80.1	80.4	76.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,500	7,400	7,800	76.8	76.4	75.5
Trade	10,900	10,700	10,000	34,400	34,300	33,500	324.1	324.5	321.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,600	117.2	116.8	112.4
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,600	7,200	26,900	26,900	26,000	260.8	259.6	253.5
Government	20,400	20,600	19,300	27,100	27,100	27,100	134.1	134.1	129.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	175,000	173,400	171,700	485,600	482,000	465,900	74,900	73,600	71,000
Manufacturing	39,600	39,100	37,400	110,200	109,600	106,600	10,400	10,200	10,100
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,200	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,100	9,200	30,000	29,600	28,400	4,000	3,800	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,800	24,000	23,800	23,900	6,000	5,900	6,100
Trade	41,400	41,100	40,600	131,000	130,200	129,000	14,100	13,900	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	26,700	26,500	25,000	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	30,200	29,900	30,100	97,300	96,000	90,900	13,300	12,900	11,200
Government	35,900	35,900	35,900	61,800	61,700	57,700	21,100	21,000	18,900

Services added 4,900 jobs over the month, despite sizeable losses in two categories. Educational services decreased substantially as the spring semester ended for private colleges, and the end of income tax season brought declines in personal services. These seasonal losses were more than offset by seasonal advances in business and repair services, due in part to increases among personnel supply agencies, and in amusement, including motion pictures, as summer recreational programs got underway.

Both the local and federal sectors of government recorded fairly large growth over the month due to seasonal additions and hiring for vacation replacements. Primarily on the strength of increases in transportation, except railroads, transportation and public utilities rose by 3,200 in May. The increase followed a slump in water transportation which idled many businesses in April.

All segments of finance, insurance and real estate registered sizeable growth in May. Banking employment increased as part-time help was hired for the summer, and other finance, insurance and real estate climbed due to continued demand for real estate brokers, agents, operators, and managers. Falling interest rates, along with good weather and the availability of summer workers, helped push employment in construction up by 1,500 over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,488.4	1,482.1	1,459.7	65,500	65,300	63,300	33,000	33,000	31,200
Manufacturing	174.2	174.1	175.8	8,700	8,400	8,700	1,900	1,900	2,000
Mining	97.2	97.7	95.1	--	--	--	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	109.9	109.2	118.9	3,900	3,800	3,700	1,400	1,400	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	102.9	102.2	100.5	3,200	3,200	3,000	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	369.4	366.8	366.5	16,100	16,100	15,300	10,000	10,000	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	115.4	114.5	107.3	2,900	2,900	2,500	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	336.7	335.5	321.7	11,800	12,100	11,500	5,100	5,100	5,000
Government	182.7	182.1	173.9	18,900	18,800	18,600	7,600	7,600	7,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,400	66,200	66,800	93,600	93,400	90,400	81,000	81,500	79,000
Manufacturing	15,000	14,900	15,000	9,000	8,800	9,100	10,600	10,800	10,800
Mining	4,900	4,800	4,800	500	500	600	1,800	1,900	1,500
Construction	4,500	4,400	5,100	5,100	4,900	4,200	4,400	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	5,000	5,000	4,700	2,800	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,400	16,400	16,300	27,300	27,100	26,100	24,700	25,100	24,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,000	5,800	5,800	5,500	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	10,600	10,700	11,100	19,800	20,000	19,300	12,400	12,400	11,800
Government	8,600	8,600	8,200	21,100	21,300	20,900	20,700	20,700	20,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,200	52,300	50,900	53,500	53,900	51,600	38,600	38,500	37,500
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,600	4,600	4,600	4,900	5,500	5,500	5,600
Mining	11,900	11,900	12,700	8,100	8,200	8,800	900	900	800
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,900	4,100	3,500	2,600	2,600	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,300	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,700	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,100	16,200	16,300	14,900	10,000	9,700	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,100	8,200	8,200	7,600	7,500	7,600	7,400
Government	6,900	6,900	5,800	7,800	7,800	7,200	6,600	6,600	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	476,100	472,500	459,000	37,200	37,000	36,700	46,300	46,000	43,600
Manufacturing	51,500	51,400	51,700	11,900	11,900	12,000	7,500	7,500	7,000
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	36,100	35,900	34,300	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,800	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,300	18,000	18,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	125,200	123,700	118,500	8,200	8,100	8,000	11,800	11,800	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	35,300	35,600	33,500	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	102,900	102,300	99,500	7,200	7,100	7,000	8,600	8,600	8,200
Government	103,300	102,700	100,100	4,900	4,900	4,900	12,900	12,800	12,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	61,900	61,400	61,100	30,100	29,600	29,100	77,700	78,000	76,400
Manufacturing	12,800	12,700	12,400	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,600	15,800	16,200
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,500	2,800	2,800	2,900	--	--	--
Construction	3,000	2,900	2,900	3,200	3,000	2,500	4,300	4,100	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,600	3,700	3,400
Trade	15,900	15,800	15,700	8,300	8,100	8,000	19,400	19,400	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,400	3,300	1,700	1,700	1,600	5,000	5,000	4,700
Services & Misc.	12,200	12,100	12,400	5,500	5,400	5,400	18,000	18,300	17,400
Government	8,200	8,100	8,000	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,800	11,700	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,900	51,600	51,700						
Manufacturing	9,000	9,000	9,200						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,300						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,600	12,400	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,600						
Government	10,200	10,200	10,400						

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1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	May 1985*	Apr. 1985**	May 1984**	Change From Apr. 1985	Change From May 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,580,400	6,561,500	6,438,600	18,900	141,800
Manufacturing	994,500	996,600	995,800	-2,100	-1,300
Durable Goods	578,000	580,200	578,400	-2,200	-400
Lumber & Wood Products	41,800	41,800	43,100	0	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	7,000	7,400	-100	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,200	17,700	0	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,100	48,900	49,200	1,200	900
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,300	24,400	22,800	900	2,500
Primary Metal Industries	35,400	35,400	36,200	0	-800
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,900	83,900	81,100	0	2,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,200	43,100	42,700	100	500
Machinery, Except Electrical	127,800	130,600	131,900	-2,800	-4,100
Oil Field Machinery	39,700	40,100	39,000	-400	700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	107,800	108,500	107,200	-700	600
Transportation Equipment	79,000	78,600	75,800	400	3,200
Aircraft & Parts	40,600	40,500	38,300	100	2,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,800	23,300	-300	-800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,500	12,900	0	-400
Nondurable Goods	416,500	416,400	417,400	100	-900
Food & Kindred Products	98,100	96,800	92,500	1,300	5,600
Meat Products	26,500	25,800	24,300	700	2,200
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	200
Bakery Products	11,700	11,900	10,700	-200	1,000
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,800	5,000	-100	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	58,800	59,900	63,400	-1,100	-4,600
Paper & Allied Products	23,500	23,100	23,900	400	-400
Printing & Publishing	73,000	72,900	71,900	100	1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	37,000	36,900	35,700	100	1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,700	77,000	76,700	-300	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,800	40,900	42,100	-100	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	37,600	37,700	38,900	-100	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	8,200	0	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	33,400	33,500	33,700	-100	-300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,585,900	5,564,900	5,442,800	21,000	143,100
Mining	267,000	268,500	268,000	-1,500	-1,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	257,500	259,100	258,500	-1,600	-1,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,400	9,500	100	0
Construction	437,500	436,000	435,300	1,500	2,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,000	370,800	372,100	3,200	1,900
Railroad Transportation	24,400	24,400	25,300	0	-900
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,100	180,100	178,300	3,000	4,800
Transportation by Air	39,600	38,900	38,400	700	1,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,300	87,400	89,400	-100	-2,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,200	78,900	79,100	300	100
Electric Services	44,500	44,400	44,500	100	0
Gas Production & Distribution	28,400	28,200	28,800	200	-400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,630,100	1,622,800	1,612,300	7,300	17,800
Wholesale Trade	427,500	427,200	431,800	300	-4,300
Retail Trade	1,202,600	1,195,600	1,180,500	7,000	22,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	57,100	56,500	55,800	600	1,300
General Merchandise Stores	153,900	153,300	150,100	600	3,800
Food Stores	213,800	211,600	209,700	2,200	4,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	137,300	137,100	134,600	200	2,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,000	81,100	80,200	-100	800
Other Retail Trade	559,500	556,000	550,100	3,500	9,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	426,300	424,500	413,600	1,800	12,700
Banking	106,600	105,900	104,100	700	2,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	130,200	129,800	126,600	400	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	189,500	188,800	182,900	700	6,600
Services	1,305,400	1,300,500	1,255,800	4,900	49,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	79,200	78,900	78,300	300	900
Personal Services	82,000	83,500	77,500	-1,500	4,500
Business & Repair Services	369,300	363,100	350,100	6,200	19,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	59,300	57,400	51,100	1,900	8,200
Health Services	342,100	342,500	342,400	-400	-300
Educational Services	57,700	61,500	57,100	-3,800	600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	315,800	313,600	299,300	2,200	16,500
Total Government	1,145,600	1,141,800	1,085,700	3,800	59,900
Total Federal Government	187,500	185,800	176,000	1,700	11,500
Total State Government	274,000	273,800	250,000	200	24,000
Total Local Government	684,100	682,200	659,700	1,900	24,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**	May '85*	Apr.'85**	May '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,500	64,000	63,600	100,500	100,700	102,300	395,200	396,700	374,300
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,900	2,600	5,400	5,200	4,400	14,800	13,800	12,000
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.5	4.1	5.4	5.2	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.2
Total Employment 2/	60,600	61,100	61,000	95,100	95,500	97,900	380,400	382,900	362,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	172,700	174,100	179,900	82,900	83,200	85,100	92,500	92,900	92,400
Total Unemployment	22,000	21,000	19,000	6,600	6,100	5,000	12,900	12,800	11,500
Percent Unemployed	12.7	12.1	10.6	8.0	7.3	5.9	13.9	13.8	12.4
Total Employment 2/	150,700	153,100	160,900	76,300	77,100	80,100	79,600	80,100	80,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,100	59,400	57,400	169,600	171,300	170,600	1,292.9	1,299.9	1,292.3
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,200	2,100	14,200	13,800	13,400	56.9	51.0	43.8
Percent Unemployed	4.4	3.7	3.7	8.4	8.1	7.9	4.4	3.9	3.4
Total Employment 2/	56,500	57,200	55,300	155,400	157,500	157,200	1,236.0	1,248.9	1,248.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	203,600	203,800	200,900	610,400	612,900	597,600	97,500	97,000	93,600
Total Unemployment	22,400	21,700	17,200	27,700	26,600	21,800	10,100	9,900	8,300
Percent Unemployed	11.0	10.6	8.6	4.5	4.3	3.6	10.4	10.2	8.9
Total Employment 2/	181,200	182,100	183,700	582,700	586,300	575,800	87,400	87,100	85,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,665.3	1,673.1	1,667.9	78,400	78,300	76,600	39,000	40,100	39,200
Total Unemployment	122.1	117.7	107.5	5,000	4,800	3,500	5,400	6,100	6,700
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.1	4.6	13.8	15.2	17.1
Total Employment 2/	1,543.2	1,555.4	1,560.4	73,400	73,500	73,100	33,600	34,000	32,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	77,200	78,500	112,100	113,200	112,200	119,600	121,600	117,100
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,100	6,200	6,100	5,800	5,900	21,700	24,400	21,100
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.2	7.9	5.4	5.1	5.3	18.1	20.1	18.0
Total Employment 2/	69,500	70,100	72,300	106,000	107,400	106,300	97,900	97,200	96,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,000	64,800	64,500	67,500	68,900	67,600	50,700	50,400	50,300
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,800	2,400	3,800	3,900	3,600	2,400	2,200	1,800
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.3	3.7	5.6	5.7	5.3	4.7	4.4	3.6
Total Employment 2/	61,100	62,000	62,100	63,700	65,000	64,000	48,300	48,200	48,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	535,400	534,800	527,400	43,000	43,100	42,300	51,400	51,400	49,000
Total Unemployment	29,100	26,600	24,300	3,300	3,000	2,000	4,300	4,200	3,600
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.0	4.6	7.7	7.0	4.7	8.4	8.2	7.3
Total Employment 2/	506,300	508,200	503,100	39,700	40,100	40,300	47,100	47,200	45,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,200	81,700	81,000	38,200	38,200	38,400	92,200	93,000	92,100
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,100	3,300	2,400	2,200	2,200	4,900	4,600	3,800
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	4.1	6.3	5.8	5.7	5.3	4.9	4.1
Total Employment 2/	76,700	77,600	77,700	35,800	36,000	36,200	87,300	88,400	88,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,400	61,700	62,700				7,876.9	7,914.7	7,850.5
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,100	2,600				516.9	499.2	438.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2	5.0	4.1				6.6	6.3	5.6
Total Employment 2/	58,200	58,600	60,100				7,360.0	7,415.5	7,412.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May ± 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May ± 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May ± 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$377.81	$376.77	$373.15	40.8	40.6	41.6	$ 9.26	$ 9.28	$ 8.97
Durable Goods	376.07	375.24	364.04	41.1	41.1	41.7	9.15	9.13	8.73
Lumber & Wood Products	265.20	258.23	261.14	39.0	38.2	40.3	6.80	6.76	6.48
Furniture & Fixtures	236.98	236.01	217.55	38.1	38.5	38.1	6.22	6.13	5.71
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	379.68	381.87	359.21	44.2	44.3	43.7	8.59	8.62	8.22
Primary Metal Industries	425.08	415.31	408.62	40.6	40.4	41.4	10.47	10.28	9.87
Fabricated Metal Products	362.66	360.50	350.10	41.4	41.2	40.9	8.76	8.75	8.56
Machinery, exc. Electric	390.21	388.54	377.92	41.6	41.6	42.8	9.38	9.34	8.83
Oil Field Machinery	477.55	484.96	477.74	42.6	43.3	44.4	11.21	11.20	10.76
Electric & Electronic Equip.	380.42	378.74	373.32	40.6	39.7	40.8	9.37	9.54	9.15
Transportation Equipment	517.05	532.01	507.20	41.9	43.5	43.8	12.34	12.23	11.58
Instruments & Related Prod.	299.00	297.59	296.44	37.8	38.3	38.3	7.91	7.77	7.74
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	268.13	263.31	270.66	39.9	40.2	39.0	6.72	6.55	6.94
Nondurable Goods	379.22	379.60	386.05	40.3	40.0	41.6	9.41	9.49	9.28
Food & Kindred Products	324.95	326.68	336.26	41.5	41.3	43.0	7.83	7.91	7.82
Meat Products	268.92	265.28	295.93	41.5	40.5	44.5	6.48	6.55	6.65
Malt Beverages	738.47	726.66	730.51	45.5	44.8	45.8	16.23	16.22	15.95
Textile Mill Products	278.36	282.22	286.09	40.4	41.2	42.7	6.89	6.85	6.70
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	191.57	181.13	190.61	36.7	34.7	39.3	5.22	5.22	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	413.82	411.27	428.74	41.8	41.5	44.2	9.90	9.91	9.70
Printing & Publishing	360.76	360.19	347.73	39.6	39.8	40.2	9.11	9.05	8.65
Chemicals & Allied Products	611.90	623.28	606.34	42.2	42.4	42.7	14.50	14.70	14.20
Petroleum & Coal Products	528.01	518.36	608.02	39.7	39.6	43.0	13.30	13.09	14.14
Petroleum Refining	545.66	535.16	630.55	39.8	39.7	43.1	13.71	13.48	14.63
Leather & Leather Products	203.68	206.46	201.30	37.1	37.0	36.8	5.49	5.58	5.47
Other Nondurable Goods	361.25	364.65	363.54	42.4	42.5	41.5	8.52	8.58	8.76
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	476.08	480.48	472.60	44.0	44.0	46.7	10.82	10.92	10.12
Oil & Gas Extraction	475.00	478.73	474.47	43.9	43.8	46.7	10.82	10.93	10.16
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	516.70	524.29	426.37	48.2	48.5	46.7	10.72	10.81	9.13
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	440.38	433.94	422.65	38.8	38.3	39.5	11.35	11.33	10.70
Elec., Gas & San. Services	452.92	450.60	419.36	39.8	39.7	39.6	11.38	11.35	10.59
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.16	231.40	232.54	33.5	33.2	34.4	6.96	6.97	6.76
Wholesale Trade	370.91	369.86	356.98	39.5	39.6	40.2	9.39	9.34	8.88
Retail Trade	188.37	186.29	191.43	31.5	31.1	32.5	5.98	5.99	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	184.51	182.95	166.29	30.1	29.7	30.4	6.13	6.16	5.47
Banking	265.62	268.42	255.45	38.0	38.4	39.0	6.99	6.99	6.55

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$364.67	$362.48	$349.29	40.7	40.5	40.9	$ 8.96	$ 8.95	$ 8.54
Durable Goods	376.65	376.25	360.74	40.5	40.5	40.9	9.30	9.29	8.82
Nondurable Goods	338.25	332.09	324.77	41.0	40.4	40.8	8.25	8.22	7.96
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	393.34	389.58	373.05	41.8	41.8	42.2	9.41	9.32	8.84
Durable Goods	416.37	411.58	387.96	42.1	42.3	42.4	9.89	9.73	9.15
Nondurable Goods	335.79	337.42	336.91	41.0	40.8	41.8	8.19	8.27	8.06
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	466.57	472.94	460.51	42.3	42.8	42.6	11.03	11.05	10.81
Durable Goods	413.82	418.70	407.88	42.4	42.9	42.8	9.76	9.76	9.53
Nondurable Goods	539.74	546.13	530.44	42.2	42.6	42.3	12.79	12.82	12.54
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	278.80	273.53	279.05	40.0	39.3	41.9	6.97	6.96	6.66
Durable Goods	311.01	302.66	311.04	42.2	40.9	43.2	7.37	7.40	7.20
Nondurable Goods	249.28	245.05	248.27	38.0	37.7	40.7	6.56	6.50	6.10

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Mining was the only nonmanufacturing sector which declined between April and May, as 1,600 jobs were lost in oil and gas extraction. The deleted jobs were primarily in the drilling portion. Mining is the only nonmanufacturing industry which has failed to regain most of the jobs deleted since 1981, due to the availability of cheap foreign oil. Between December 1981 and May 1985, over 52,000 mining jobs (or 16 percent of the total) have been lost. With little hope for immediate improvement, this industry is likely to fall on even harder times in the near future.

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For the second consecutive month, manufacturing decreased in May, losing an additional 2,100 jobs over the month. Although decreases were scattered throughout durable and nondurable goods sectors, the bulk of the decline occurred in durable goods industries. A labor-management dispute in nonelectrical machinery further reduced employment in this already depressed industry. Nonelectrical machinery, which includes the making of oil field equipment as well as some computer components, has lost 74,100 jobs since its peak in December 1981, a decrease of 37 percent.

Electric and electronic equipment suffered a smaller loss, as 700 jobs were deleted between April and May. This industry began cutting back in January 1985, and will probably continue to do so until overstocked inventories have been depleted. The largest increase in manufacturing over the month was in stone, clay and glass products, which added 1,200 jobs in response to heightened demand for construction materials.

Within nondurable goods, a temporary layoff in apparel and other finished textile products pushed employment down by 1,100 in May. This loss was nullified, however, by an increase of 1,300 in food and kindred products, as meat products and preserved fruits and vegetables recorded substantial gains.

HOURLY EARNINGS DROP

There were an estimated 665,100 Texas manufacturing production workers in May, up 4,800 from the April figure. The average worker in May earned $9.26 per hour for a 40.8-hour week, averaging $377.81 per week. While the average number of hours worked rose by 0.2 hour over the month, hourly earnings declined by 2¢. Offsetting gains and losses in hourly earnings were scattered throughout manufacturing, with the largest drops occurring in electric and electronic equipment and chemicals and allied products. Increases were recorded in fabricated metals and in petroleum refining.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	May 1985	May 1984
Total Population	16,210,200	15,945,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.7
UI Covered Employers	309,814	299,961
Total Claims Actions	490,861	439,380
Total Initial Claims Actions	57,728	51,749
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	433,133	387,631
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$143.95	$136.75
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$56,392,617	$46,077,043
Total Placements	46,518	45,277

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**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RISES

The Statewide actual unemployment rate climbed substantially over the month, rising from 6.6 percent in May to 7.7 percent in June. The June rate was more than two percentage points above the year-ago rate of 5.5 percent and was the highest rate recorded for the State since September 1983, prior to Texas' emergence from its recessionary period.

The current rate also marked the first time since 1970, when the current historical series began, that the Texas unemployment rate surpassed the National rate. Although the over-the-month increase of 107,100 was primarily due to the normal influx of seasonal job-seekers, the level of unemployment has been higher throughout 1985 as economic growth slowed. Total unemployment rose to 624,000 at mid-June, while employment totaled 7,431,000, up only 71,000 from May and slightly below the year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,572.0	114,890.0	115,394.0
Unemployment	8,753.0	8,011.0	8,582.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.0	7.4
Total Employment	107,819.0	106,879.0	106,812.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	114,783.0	115,373.0	113,619.0
Unemployment	8,413.0	8,413.0	8,228.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.2
Total Employment	106,370.0	106,960.0	105,391.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,055.0	7,876.9	8,004.4
Unemployment	624.0	516.9	440.0
Percent Unemployed	7.7	6.6	5.5
Total Employment	7,431.0	7,360.0	7,564.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,931.0	7,919.0	7,884.0
Unemployment	573.0	544.0	386.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	6.9	4.9
Total Employment	7,358.0	7,375.0	7,498.0

There was very little change over the month in the seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate, which rose from 6.9 percent in May to 7.2 percent in June. The Nation's seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged from May to June, at 7.3 percent, while the actual U. S. rate climbed from 7.0 percent to 7.5 percent in June.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS EXPAND

Texas employers added some 13,000 jobs to their payrolls in June, bringing total nonagricultural wage and salary employment to 6,611,700 at mid-June. Although most of the increase was generated by nonmanufacturing industries, the durable goods portion of manufacturing did produce some growth.

The only nonmanufacturing group which recorded a decline over the month was government, where 28,300 jobs were deleted. These losses occurred primarily in the educational sectors of state and local government, as the spring semester ended. Administrative hires boosted employment in federal government modestly in June.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,400	53,800	52,400	81,000	81,400	80,600	344,200	350,800	323,200
Manufacturing	5,900	5,800	5,500	9,900	9,800	10,600	41,600	41,800	40,200
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,100	1,600	1,600	2,000	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	3,000	2,900	3,000	5,100	5,100	5,000	29,700	29,600	25,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	2,900	6,400	6,400	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,000
Trade	14,600	14,600	13,700	24,800	24,400	24,000	74,700	74,600	71,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,800	4,600	4,400	4,300	24,900	24,600	22,500
Services & Misc.	12,400	12,800	12,500	15,700	15,600	15,600	79,400	78,300	71,400
Government	8,000	8,100	7,900	12,900	14,100	12,500	83,300	91,300	82,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	138,500	138,600	144,700	59,000	59,100	60,500	64,500	65,100	63,800
Manufacturing	28,100	28,500	31,700	16,700	16,800	17,500	10,200	10,200	10,700
Mining	3,000	2,900	3,100	2,200	2,300	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	9,200	8,800	9,800	6,100	6,000	7,300	3,500	3,600	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,700	12,200	2,500	2,500	2,700	3,300	3,200	3,200
Trade	34,000	33,500	34,200	11,200	11,100	11,100	18,400	18,400	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,600	5,700	2,400	2,300	2,300	3,400	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	28,000	27,600	29,000	7,500	7,500	7,600	12,000	12,000	11,800
Government	19,000	20,000	19,000	10,400	10,600	9,600	13,600	14,200	13,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,700	49,800	45,400	135,600	135,400	132,600	1,244.3	1,239.2	1,217.9
Manufacturing	3,400	3,300	3,200	13,500	13,700	13,800	223.9	221.7	223.4
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,600	7,400	7,800	23.7	23.6	23.4
Construction	2,700	2,800	3,000	12,200	11,800	10,700	81.8	80.0	78.7
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,700	7,500	7,600	77.0	76.8	75.7
Trade	11,000	10,800	9,900	34,400	34,400	33,700	328.0	325.3	322.9
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,400	6,300	6,600	118.2	117.2	113.9
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,300	27,100	27,100	25,800	260.7	260.3	254.2
Government	17,100	20,400	17,100	26,700	27,200	26,600	131.0	134.3	125.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	175,400	174,900	172,300	487,400	484,800	469,000	74,000	74,800	72,000
Manufacturing	39,500	39,500	38,200	110,600	110,000	107,800	9,900	10,300	10,400
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,500	1,200	1,200	1,000
Construction	9,500	9,400	9,300	29,800	29,700	28,600	4,000	4,000	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,600	10,000	24,200	23,900	23,700	6,000	6,100	6,300
Trade	41,600	41,400	40,600	133,100	131,900	129,800	14,100	14,100	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,600	8,600	8,300	27,200	26,700	25,300	4,800	4,800	5,000
Services & Misc.	30,800	30,100	30,000	98,300	96,200	91,600	13,300	13,300	11,600
Government	35,300	35,900	35,500	59,600	61,800	57,700	20,700	21,000	18,900

Almost 16,000 additional jobs were created in services from May to June, as every segment except educational services registered growth. Gains in temporary help agencies and automotive repairs pushed employment up in business and repair services by more than 8,000. Sizeable increases were also recorded in amusement, including motion pictures, as summer camps and membership sports clubs hired workers. Other service sectors registered smaller advances over the month.

Wholesale and retail trade employers added over 9,000 jobs in June, as automotive dealers profited from economic incentives for car purchases and food stores and eating and drinking places hired help for the summer. Declining interest rates and the availability of summer workers helped construction, as almost 8,000 jobs were added in June. Accelerated construction activity and lower interest rates created demand for additional real estate personnel, which was partially responsible for the 3,000 new hires in finance, insurance and real estate. Smaller increases occurred in banking and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

Higher consumer demand for oil and gas products contributed to the moderate increase in mining between May and June, pushing employment up by 3,600. Transportation and public utilities showed very little change over the month, with transportation by air providing the biggest gains as the tourist season began.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,491.2	1,488.4	1,461.4	65,800	65,500	64,300	33,200	33,100	31,000
Manufacturing	174.2	174.5	176.1	8,600	8,600	8,800	1,900	1,900	2,000
Mining	98.0	97.2	96.2	--	--	--	1,800	1,800	1,500
Construction	111.2	110.1	118.9	3,900	3,900	3,700	1,400	1,400	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	103.9	103.6	99.9	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	371.1	368.4	368.4	16,400	16,100	15,700	10,100	10,100	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	117.1	115.7	108.5	3,000	2,900	2,600	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	340.2	336.6	323.1	11,700	11,900	11,700	5,100	5,100	4,900
Government	175.5	182.3	170.3	19,000	18,900	18,600	7,700	7,600	7,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,800	66,500	67,500	91,900	93,300	89,600	80,700	81,000	78,600
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	15,300	8,700	9,000	9,000	11,200	10,600	11,500
Mining	5,000	4,900	4,800	500	500	600	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,500	4,400	5,100	5,100	4,900	4,300	4,600	4,400	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,400	5,000	5,000	4,700	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,200	16,500	16,500	27,400	27,300	26,200	25,100	24,700	24,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,100	3,000	5,800	5,800	5,600	3,600	3,600	3,400
Services & Misc.	10,700	10,700	11,200	19,700	19,600	19,400	12,100	12,400	11,900
Government	8,100	8,600	8,200	19,700	21,200	19,800	19,500	20,700	19,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	51,600	52,300	51,100	53,300	53,500	52,800	38,500	38,700	38,100
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,500	4,700	4,600	5,100	5,400	5,400	5,600
Mining	11,800	11,900	12,700	8,100	8,100	8,900	900	900	900
Construction	2,800	2,900	2,600	4,000	3,900	3,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	3,700	3,700	3,800
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,400	16,100	16,200	15,300	9,900	10,000	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,100	2,100	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,400	8,200	8,200	7,700	7,600	7,500	7,500
Government	6,500	6,900	5,500	7,600	7,800	7,300	6,500	6,700	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	474,900	475,200	461,000	37,200	37,300	36,900	46,400	46,100	44,400
Manufacturing	50,800	51,100	52,000	12,000	12,000	12,300	7,600	7,500	7,300
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	37,200	36,100	35,500	1,500	1,200	1,200	1,800	1,800	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,400	18,300	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,900	1,900
Trade	125,700	125,200	119,500	8,100	8,200	8,000	12,200	11,900	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	35,800	35,300	34,100	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	103,100	103,000	99,600	7,100	7,200	6,800	8,800	8,500	8,500
Government	100,400	102,700	98,600	4,700	4,900	4,900	12,400	12,700	12,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	62,500	62,000	61,100	29,700	29,700	29,300	77,000	77,700	75,900
Manufacturing	12,900	12,700	12,500	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,600	15,600	16,300
Mining	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,000	2,700	3,100	--	--	--
Construction	3,400	3,000	2,800	3,000	3,100	2,600	4,300	4,300	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	2,900	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,700	3,600	3,600
Trade	16,100	16,000	15,800	8,200	8,100	8,200	19,500	19,400	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,300	1,700	1,700	1,600	5,000	5,000	4,900
Services & Misc.	12,400	12,200	12,400	5,400	5,500	5,400	17,500	18,000	16,700
Government	7,900	8,200	7,800	4,000	4,200	3,900	11,400	11,800	11,200
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,800	52,100	51,600						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	9,300						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,300						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,700	2,600						
Trade	12,600	12,600	12,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,500	9,600	9,400						
Government	10,000	10,100	10,300						

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1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	June 1985*	May 1985**	June 1984**	Change From May 1985	Change From June 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,611,700	6,598,700	6,456,100	13,000	155,600
Manufacturing	1,000,800	999,500	1,005,800	1,300	-5,000
Durable Goods	583,600	581,900	584,800	1,700	-1,200
Lumber & Wood Products	41,600	41,900	43,800	-300	-2,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	6,900	7,500	0	-600
Furniture & Fixtures	17,400	17,300	17,400	100	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,500	49,800	49,700	700	800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,400	25,000	23,200	400	2,200
Primary Metal Industries	35,800	35,700	36,600	100	-800
Fabricated Metal Industries	85,000	84,200	82,500	800	2,500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,100	43,300	43,300	800	800
Machinery, Except Electrical	128,500	129,000	133,200	-500	-4,700
Oil Field Machinery	39,800	39,900	38,800	-100	1,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	111,200	110,200	109,400	1,000	1,800
Transportation Equipment	78,800	78,800	76,300	0	2,500
Aircraft & Parts	40,900	40,700	38,600	200	2,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,400	22,500	23,200	-100	-800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,500	12,700	-100	-300
Nondurable Goods	417,200	417,600	421,000	-400	-3,800
Food & Kindred Products	98,900	98,700	95,300	200	3,600
Meat Products	27,100	26,700	25,400	400	1,700
Dairy Products	5,500	5,400	5,400	100	100
Bakery Products	11,800	11,800	10,800	0	1,000
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	58,900	59,000	64,000	-100	-5,100
Paper & Allied Products	23,500	23,700	24,100	-200	-600
Printing & Publishing	73,100	73,100	71,600	0	1,500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	37,300	37,100	35,600	200	1,700
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,800	76,500	77,000	300	-200
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,600	40,900	42,000	-300	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	37,500	37,700	38,800	-200	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,300	7,600	8,200	-300	-900
Other Nondurable Goods	33,400	33,400	33,800	0	-400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,610,900	5,599,200	5,450,300	11,700	160,600
Mining	270,600	267,000	272,000	3,600	-1,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	260,900	257,400	262,400	3,500	-1,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,700	9,600	9,600	100	100
Construction	445,400	437,500	438,800	7,900	6,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,300	376,000	373,100	300	3,200
Railroad Transportation	24,000	24,300	25,500	-300	-1,500
Transportation, Except Railroads	185,200	185,000	178,400	200	6,800
Transportation by Air	40,300	39,600	38,000	700	2,300
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,400	87,200	89,600	200	-2,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,700	79,500	79,600	200	100
Electric Services	44,600	44,600	44,600	0	0
Gas Production & Distribution	28,800	28,500	29,200	300	-400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,648,400	1,639,100	1,617,400	9,300	31,000
Wholesale Trade	429,300	427,500	433,100	1,800	-3,800
Retail Trade	1,219,100	1,211,600	1,184,300	7,500	34,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	58,200	57,900	56,200	300	2,000
General Merchandise Stores	156,100	155,200	151,200	900	4,900
Food Stores	217,500	215,700	211,400	1,800	6,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	141,000	138,600	136,200	2,400	4,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,500	79,700	80,300	800	200
Other Retail Trade	565,800	564,500	549,000	1,300	16,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	429,100	426,100	416,700	3,000	12,400
Banking	107,100	106,200	105,200	900	1,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	131,000	130,200	127,500	800	3,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	191,000	189,700	184,000	1,300	7,000
Services	1,325,100	1,309,200	1,262,200	15,900	62,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	80,400	79,700	78,700	700	1,700
Personal Services	82,400	82,000	78,000	400	4,400
Business & Repair Services	375,800	367,700	351,400	8,100	24,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	68,800	64,200	53,800	4,600	15,000
Health Services	344,200	342,200	343,800	2,000	400
Educational Services	50,700	57,400	50,300	-6,700	400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	322,800	316,000	306,200	6,800	16,600
Total Government	1,116,000	1,144,300	1,070,100	-28,300	45,900
Total Federal Government	187,900	186,600	177,300	1,300	10,600
Total State Government	264,500	274,200	241,000	-9,700	23,500
Total Local Government	663,600	683,500	651,800	-19,900	11,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**	June'85*	May '85**	June'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,100	63,200	64,800	103,000	100,900	104,200	397,600	394,400	379,400
Total Unemployment	3,600	2,900	2,500	6,400	5,400	4,300	20,400	14,600	12,000
Percent Unemployed	5.6	4.6	3.9	6.2	5.4	4.1	5.1	3.7	3.2
Total Employment 2/	60,500	60,300	62,300	96,600	95,500	99,900	377,200	379,800	367,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	177,400	172,800	184,000	84,900	83,100	86,800	94,400	92,600	93,200
Total Unemployment	25,500	21,900	19,800	7,700	6,600	4,900	14,800	13,000	11,200
Percent Unemployed	14.4	12.7	10.8	9.1	7.9	5.6	15.7	14.0	12.0
Total Employment 2/	151,900	150,900	164,200	77,200	76,500	81,900	79,600	79,600	82,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,700	59,000	56,400	173,200	170,000	171,700	1,322.9	1,294.7	1,318.1
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,500	2,100	16,300	14,200	13,300	69.4	56.4	44.1
Percent Unemployed	5.3	4.2	3.7	9.4	8.4	7.7	5.2	4.4	3.3
Total Employment 2/	53,700	56,500	54,300	156,900	155,800	158,400	1,253.5	1,238.3	1,274.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	210,000	203,700	205,600	623,400	609,500	612,400	99,300	97,300	96,400
Total Unemployment	26,100	22,500	18,200	33,300	27,600	21,900	11,600	10,000	8,500
Percent Unemployed	12.4	11.0	8.9	5.3	4.5	3.6	11.7	10.3	8.8
Total Employment 2/	183,900	181,200	187,400	590,100	581,900	590,500	87,700	87,300	87,900
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,704.5	1,664.6	1,697.0	80,100	79,000	79,400	40,300	39,100	39,600
Total Unemployment	143.8	122.0	107.3	5,900	5,100	3,900	6,200	5,500	6,400
Percent Unemployed	8.4	7.3	6.3	7.4	6.5	4.9	15.4	14.1	16.2
Total Employment 2/	1,560.7	1,542.6	1,589.7	74,200	73,900	75,500	34,100	33,600	33,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,500	76,900	80,200	115,400	112,000	113,400	123,000	120,400	119,100
Total Unemployment	8,700	7,400	6,100	10,100	6,100	5,900	24,300	22,400	20,000
Percent Unemployed	11.1	9.6	7.6	8.8	5.4	5.2	19.8	18.6	16.8
Total Employment 2/	69,800	69,500	74,100	105,300	105,900	107,500	98,700	98,000	99,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,500	64,100	66,100	68,300	67,500	69,400	51,900	50,600	51,700
Total Unemployment	3,400	2,900	2,400	4,400	3,800	3,300	3,200	2,300	2,000
Percent Unemployed	5.3	4.5	3.6	6.4	5.6	4.8	6.2	4.5	3.9
Total Employment 2/	61,100	61,200	63,700	63,900	63,700	66,100	48,700	48,300	49,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	551,000	534,300	540,300	43,300	43,000	43,200	53,100	51,400	50,300
Total Unemployment	38,400	29,000	25,500	3,500	3,300	2,000	5,100	4,300	3,600
Percent Unemployed	7.0	5.4	4.7	8.1	7.7	4.6	9.6	8.4	7.2
Total Employment 2/	512,600	505,300	514,800	39,800	39,700	41,200	48,000	47,100	46,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,000	81,300	82,500	38,900	37,800	39,000	93,900	91,700	94,000
Total Unemployment	5,500	4,500	3,600	3,000	2,400	2,100	5,700	4,900	4,000
Percent Unemployed	6.6	5.5	4.4	7.7	6.3	5.4	6.1	5.3	4.3
Total Employment 2/	77,500	76,800	78,900	35,900	35,400	36,900	88,200	86,800	90,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,400	61,500	63,900				8,055.0	7,876.9	8,004.4
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,200	2,500				624.0	516.9	440.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.2	3.9				7.7	6.6	5.5
Total Employment 2/	58,700	58,300	61,400				7,431.0	7,360.0	7,564.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June± 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June± 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June± 1985	May 1985	June 1984
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 380.07	$ 378.62	$ 378.00	41.0	40.8	42.0	$ 9.27	$ 9.28	$ 9.00
Durable Goods	378.07	377.39	371.32	41.5	41.2	42.1	9.11	9.16	8.82
Lumber & Wood Products	261.62	265.59	258.05	39.4	39.0	39.7	6.64	6.81	6.50
Furniture & Fixtures	247.33	238.08	232.02	39.7	38.4	38.8	6.23	6.20	5.98
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	387.90	382.67	355.97	45.0	44.6	43.2	8.62	8.58	8.24
Primary Metal Industries	425.79	419.40	409.76	41.5	40.6	41.6	10.26	10.33	9.85
Fabricated Metal Products	359.72	359.16	352.75	41.3	41.0	41.5	8.71	8.76	8.50
Machinery, exc. Electric	394.66	392.70	384.91	42.3	41.6	43.2	9.33	9.44	8.91
Oil Field Machinery	476.43	485.63	472.56	42.5	42.9	44.0	11.21	11.32	10.74
Electric & Electronic Equip.	381.64	384.46	406.50	40.3	40.3	42.7	9.47	9.54	9.52
Transportation Equipment	516.63	521.94	512.46	41.9	42.4	43.8	12.33	12.31	11.70
Instruments & Related Prod.	307.30	303.40	296.03	38.8	38.6	38.9	7.92	7.86	7.61
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	265.46	264.40	282.17	40.1	40.0	40.6	6.62	6.61	6.95
Nondurable Goods	382.04	380.43	386.23	40.3	40.3	41.8	9.48	9.44	9.24
Food & Kindred Products	315.87	332.22	341.04	40.6	42.0	43.5	7.78	7.91	7.84
Meat Products	262.76	283.10	283.60	40.3	42.7	43.1	6.52	6.63	6.58
Malt Beverages	819.48	807.35	767.13	49.1	48.2	47.5	16.69	16.75	16.15
Textile Mill Products	295.68	283.59	288.04	42.3	41.1	42.8	6.99	6.90	6.73
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	192.83	190.74	193.52	36.8	36.4	39.9	5.24	5.24	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	418.78	419.50	432.62	41.3	41.7	44.6	10.14	10.06	9.70
Printing & Publishing	358.38	359.45	342.94	39.6	39.5	39.6	9.05	9.10	8.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	619.58	608.95	604.78	42.7	42.2	42.5	14.51	14.43	14.23
Petroleum & Coal Products	553.78	527.28	610.60	40.6	39.0	43.0	13.64	13.52	14.20
Petroleum Refining	569.84	544.05	634.00	40.5	39.0	43.1	14.07	13.95	14.71
Leather & Leather Products	197.10	205.53	204.61	37.4	37.1	37.0	5.27	5.54	5.53
Other Nondurable Goods	365.85	365.93	354.46	42.1	42.5	41.8	8.69	8.61	8.48
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	473.04	475.02	474.47	43.2	43.7	46.2	10.95	10.87	10.27
Oil & Gas Extraction	470.61	472.85	477.25	42.9	43.5	46.2	10.97	10.87	10.33
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	524.09	513.37	423.90	50.2	47.8	47.1	10.44	10.74	9.00
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	448.13	446.18	426.60	38.9	38.9	39.5	11.52	11.47	10.80
Elec., Gas & San. Services	468.31	456.80	432.23	40.9	40.0	40.7	11.45	11.42	10.62
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.49	230.77	233.88	33.5	33.3	34.7	6.94	6.93	6.74
Wholesale Trade	375.17	369.74	359.88	39.7	39.8	40.3	9.45	9.29	8.93
Retail Trade	187.39	187.17	192.79	31.6	31.3	32.9	5.93	5.98	5.86
General Merchandise Stores	183.29	181.80	165.70	30.6	30.0	30.8	5.99	6.06	5.38
Banking	281.32	265.56	257.28	39.4	38.1	39.1	7.14	6.97	6.58

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 364.67	$ 362.48	$ 349.29	40.7	40.5	40.9	$ 8.96	$ 8.95	$ 8.54
Durable Goods	376.65	376.25	360.74	40.5	40.5	40.9	9.30	9.29	8.82
Nondurable Goods	338.25	332.09	324.77	41.0	40.4	40.8	8.25	8.22	7.96
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	389.27	393.02	372.96	41.5	41.9	42.0	9.38	9.38	8.88
Durable Goods	409.08	413.98	388.51	41.7	42.2	42.6	9.81	9.81	9.12
Nondurable Goods	343.20	341.13	331.67	41.2	41.1	40.3	8.33	8.30	8.23
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	466.57	472.94	460.51	42.3	42.8	42.6	11.03	11.05	10.81
Durable Goods	413.82	418.70	407.88	42.4	42.9	42.8	9.76	9.76	9.53
Nondurable Goods	539.74	546.13	530.44	42.2	42.6	42.3	12.79	12.82	12.54
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	277.99	279.60	273.57	39.6	40.0	41.2	7.02	6.99	6.64
Durable Goods	302.91	309.64	299.62	41.1	41.9	42.2	7.37	7.39	7.10
Nondurable Goods	254.41	250.70	248.03	38.2	38.1	40.2	6.66	6.58	6.17

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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Despite some sizeable advances in several durable goods sectors, total manufacturing managed an increase of only 1,300 jobs in June. The largest over-the-month growth was recorded in electric and electronic equipment, where 1,000 jobs were added. More than half of this increase was among makers of radio and television apparatus. A slightly smaller gain was reported in fabricated metal products among those producing metal doors, frames, and moldings. This advance, along with a more moderate one in stone, clay and glass products, was generated by renewed construction activity.

The largest downturn in durable goods was in nonelectrical machinery, as makers of lawn and garden equipment and electronic computing components deleted 500 jobs in June. Small, interspersed gains and losses within nondurable goods pulled the June total down by 400. All of the monthly changes were minor; the largest decreases were 300 jobs each in petroleum and coal products and in leather and leather products. A similar-sized increase was recorded over the month in chemicals and allied products. Other nondurable goods sectors registered even smaller changes.

AVERAGE HOURS UP, HOURLY EARNINGS DROP SLIGHTLY

There were an estimated 663,900 manufacturing production workers in Texas in June, up 4,600 from the May figure. The average production worker in June worked a 41.0-hour week at $9.27 an hour, averaging $380.07 per week. Average hours worked edged upward by 0.2 hour between May and June but was down a full hour from June 1984. Average hourly earnings slid downward by 1¢ over the month but was up 27¢ over the year. Although average weekly earnings rose over the month by $1.45, the average was only $2.07 above that for June 1984. Durable goods industries were largely responsible for the over-the-month changes, as declining employment in several industries pushed overtime worked up for remaining employees.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Second Quarter 1985
(April-June)

Abilene	$ 623,334
Amarillo	1,638,389
Austin	2,507,699
Beaumont-Port Arthur	8,621,486
Brazoria PMSA	2,552,718
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,231,042
Bryan-College Station	590,264
Corpus Christi	4,217,945
Dallas PMSA	15,129,765
El Paso	5,424,686
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	7,227,213
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	3,695,678
Houston PMSA	45,756,425
Killeen-Temple	965,004
Laredo	1,586,125
Longview-Marshall	2,156,738
Lubbock	1,379,972
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,132,522
Midland	802,154
Odessa	1,211,759
San Angelo	394,281
San Antonio	5,989,326
Sherman-Denison	1,373,319
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	918,617
Tyler	1,582,714
Victoria	619,221
Waco	1,381,703
Wichita Falls	1,007,127

TEC ACTIVITIES

	June 1985	June 1984
Total Population	16,232,300	15,967,100*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.5
UI Covered Employers	309,297	299,565
Total Claims Actions	421,664	386,931
Total Initial Claims Actions	56,589	52,038
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	365,075	334,893
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$144.56	$137.25
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$46,038,302	$40,790,102
Total Placements	43,049	46,518

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Review

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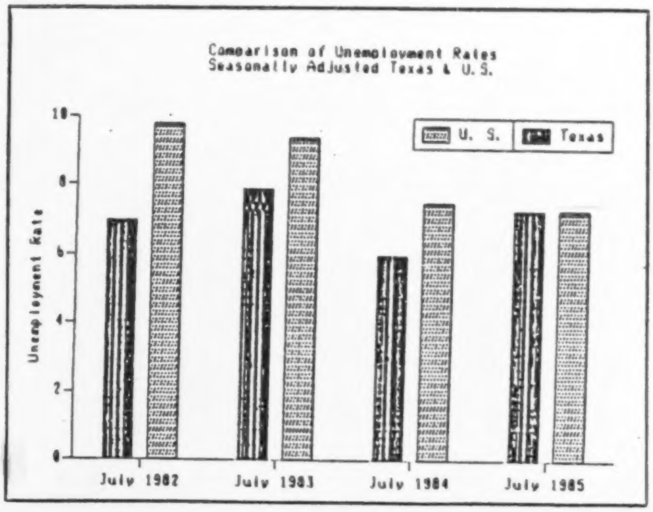
UNEMPLOYMENT UNCHANGED IN JULY

The actual unemployment rate for the State remained at 7.7 percent between June and July, as the number of jobless increased by only 800 to total 624,800 in mid-July. Although the number of unemployed re-entrants declined substantially over the month, there was a slightly larger rise in new entrants which pushed the unemployment total up somewhat. Compared to July 1984, when the rate was 6.3 percent, the current rate was up more than a full percentage point.

Total employment increased moderately in July, as an additional 107,800 persons found work. There were an estimated 7,538,800 Texas job-holders in mid-July in the actual series, still slightly below the July 1984 figure.



CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	117,536.0	116,572.0	116,198.0
Unemployment	8,682.0	8,753.0	8,714.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.5	7.5
Total Employment	108,854.0	107,819.0	107,484.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,313.0	114,783.0	113,868.0
Unemployment	8,451.0	8,413.0	8,491.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.5
Total Employment	106,862.0	106,370.0	105,377.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,163.6	8,055.0	8,088.7
Unemployment	624.8	624.0	509.9
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.7	6.3
Total Employment	7,538.8	7,431.0	7,578.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,033.0	7,931.0	7,962.0
Unemployment	589.0	573.0	475.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.2	6.0
Total Employment	7,444.0	7,358.0	7,487.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas edged upward over the month from 7.2 percent in June to 7.3 percent in July. As shown on the chart, the current Texas seasonally adjusted rate equalled the National rate for the first time since 1970. Last month's actual Texas rate was higher than the Nation's, an indication that the Texas economy, which had been much stronger than that of the U. S. as a whole, has begun to show the effects of its deep involvement in the oil industry and its close attachments to the Mexican economy along the border areas. The U. S. adjusted rate was unchanged over the month, while the actual rate for the Nation slid from 7.5 percent in June to 7.4 percent in July.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,800	53,200	51,600	80,500	81,000	80,000	340,700	342,200	321,900
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,700	9,900	10,500	42,000	42,000	40,300
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,100	1,600	1,600	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,200	5,200	4,900	29,000	29,400	26,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,800	3,000	6,300	6,300	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,100
Trade	14,600	14,600	13,800	24,700	24,700	23,900	75,100	74,900	71,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,500	4,500	4,300	25,000	24,700	22,600
Services & Misc.	12,400	12,400	12,000	16,000	15,900	15,600	79,700	79,000	71,800
Government	7,400	7,900	7,500	12,500	12,900	12,300	79,300	81,600	79,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	137,300	137,800	144,500	58,800	59,300	59,900	63,700	64,600	62,300
Manufacturing	27,500	28,000	31,600	16,600	16,700	17,400	10,200	10,300	10,900
Mining	2,800	2,800	3,000	2,100	2,200	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	9,200	9,200	9,900	6,100	6,200	7,200	3,600	3,600	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,500	11,700	12,000	2,500	2,500	2,700	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	34,000	33,600	34,500	11,300	11,200	11,200	18,500	18,200	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,700	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,400	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	28,100	27,900	29,000	7,800	7,600	7,600	11,900	12,000	11,700
Government	18,600	19,000	18,800	10,000	10,500	9,100	12,700	13,700	12,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	47,700	46,800	45,600	135,600	136,000	132,600	1,244.5	1,242.8	1,216.5
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,200	13,500	13,600	14,000	223.1	223.3	224.1
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,400	7,500	7,800	24.0	23.9	23.4
Construction	2,600	2,800	3,200	12,200	12,500	10,500	83.0	81.8	79.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,700	7,700	7,600	77.4	77.0	75.8
Trade	11,100	10,900	9,800	34,900	34,400	33,800	328.0	327.5	323.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,700	118.9	118.4	114.5
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,500	7,300	27,500	27,300	25,900	261.3	260.4	254.2
Government	17,900	17,100	17,200	26,100	26,700	26,300	128.8	130.5	121.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	173,200	175,200	169,600	485,900	487,100	469,600	72,900	74,300	70,600
Manufacturing	39,300	39,500	37,600	110,400	110,400	108,800	10,400	9,900	10,400
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,700	1,100	1,200	1,000
Construction	9,500	9,400	9,300	31,300	30,400	28,900	4,200	4,000	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,600	10,000	24,300	24,200	23,800	5,800	6,000	6,000
Trade	41,600	41,600	40,600	133,100	132,500	130,700	14,600	14,300	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,700	8,600	8,300	27,200	27,100	25,700	5,100	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	31,100	30,700	30,300	97,900	98,100	92,000	13,500	13,400	11,800
Government	32,900	35,400	33,100	57,100	59,800	55,000	18,200	20,700	17,600

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DROPS

Primarily seasonal losses in local government, along with scattered layoffs in manufacturing, were responsible for the loss of 3,700 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in July, as the total decreased to 6,599,500. For the first time since January 1985, the nonmanufacturing sector decreased over the month, as 2,400 jobs were deleted. Most of this decline, however, was due to the sizeable drop in government employment.

The job losses in government were concentrated in the local sector, which dropped by 17,600 in July as auxiliary personnel such as maintenance and repair workers were released by local schools. A sizeable gain in state government and a smaller one in the federal sector, due to the hiring of summer help, were insufficient to offset the much larger decline in local government.

Although oil and gas extraction reported 200 fewer jobs in July, an equal increase in the other portion of mining kept total employment in that industry at its June level. Mining has lost 2,400 positions since July 1984 and over 55,000 jobs since its peak in January 1982. Wholesale and retail trade recorded 2,900 additions over the month, as general merchandise stores added 1,300 jobs and employment in food stores expanded by 1,200.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,493.1	1,495.9	1,456.5	66,100	65,700	64,600	33,000	33,100	31,300
Manufacturing	175.2	174.5	176.3	8,800	8,600	8,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Mining	97.9	98.0	96.0	--	--	--	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	110.7	110.9	118.0	4,200	3,900	3,800	1,500	1,400	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	104.5	103.8	100.4	3,100	3,100	3,300	3,700	3,700	3,300
Trade	371.0	371.1	368.5	16,200	16,300	15,900	10,100	10,100	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	117.8	117.4	109.5	3,100	3,000	2,600	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	342.0	341.8	322.5	12,100	11,800	11,600	5,100	5,000	4,900
Government	174.0	178.4	165.2	18,600	19,000	18,500	7,300	7,600	7,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,800	66,000	67,000	92,100	91,400	88,500	77,100	80,700	75,700
Manufacturing	15,000	15,100	15,300	8,600	8,700	8,900	10,700	11,200	10,300
Mining	4,900	5,000	4,700	500	500	600	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,400	4,400	5,000	5,200	5,100	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,500	5,100	5,000	4,600	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,200	16,400	27,000	27,300	26,300	23,600	25,200	23,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,000	2,900	5,800	5,800	5,500	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	11,000	10,700	11,200	19,800	19,600	19,300	12,000	12,200	11,900
Government	7,800	8,300	8,000	20,100	19,400	18,800	18,100	19,400	17,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,100	52,300	51,500	54,100	53,800	53,400	38,200	38,500	37,700
Manufacturing	3,300	3,400	3,600	4,600	4,600	5,000	5,300	5,400	5,400
Mining	11,800	11,900	12,900	8,400	8,200	8,800	900	900	900
Construction	2,700	2,800	2,700	4,100	3,900	3,700	2,600	2,700	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,700	12,600	12,300	16,100	16,100	15,600	9,800	10,000	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,600	2,100	2,100	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,100	8,300	8,200	8,300	7,800	7,600	7,600	7,800
Government	6,600	6,500	5,500	8,000	8,000	7,700	6,400	6,300	6,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	473,200	473,800	459,100	37,000	37,100	36,800	46,600	46,200	44,400
Manufacturing	50,500	50,900	51,800	11,900	12,000	12,400	7,700	7,500	7,400
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	36,900	37,200	35,400	1,400	1,400	1,200	2,000	1,800	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,300	18,300	18,400	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,800	1,900
Trade	127,100	125,300	120,500	8,100	8,100	7,900	11,900	12,000	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,200	35,900	34,100	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	102,500	102,200	99,700	7,200	7,100	6,800	8,700	8,800	8,500
Government	98,200	100,500	95,800	4,600	4,700	4,800	12,600	12,500	11,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	62,100	62,400	59,000	29,900	29,800	29,500	76,500	77,400	76,300
Manufacturing	12,500	12,700	10,400	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,800	15,700	16,400
Mining	3,400	3,300	3,400	2,900	2,900	3,100	--	--	--
Construction	3,400	3,400	2,900	3,000	3,000	2,500	4,500	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,700	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	16,200	16,100	15,800	8,300	8,300	8,000	19,300	19,500	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	1,700	1,700	1,600	4,800	5,000	5,000
Services & Misc.	12,500	12,500	12,400	5,400	5,400	5,600	17,500	17,400	16,900
Government	7,600	7,900	7,600	4,100	4,000	4,000	10,900	11,300	11,100
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,200	51,800	51,200						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,400						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,700	12,600	12,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,500	9,500	9,400						
Government	9,400	10,000	9,700						

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* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Change From June 1985	Change From July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,599,500	6,603,200	6,440,700	-3,700	158,800
Manufacturing	1,000,700	1,002,000	1,002,400	-1,300	-1,700
Durable Goods	585,400	584,400	584,400	1,000	1,000
Lumber & Wood Products	41,800	41,400	43,400	400	-1,600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	6,900	7,400	100	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,300	17,300	17,200	0	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,700	50,500	49,500	200	1,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,500	25,400	23,200	100	2,300
Primary Metal Industries	35,200	35,500	34,400	-300	800
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,800	84,800	83,200	0	1,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,800	43,800	43,600	0	200
Machinery, Except Electrical	129,900	129,700	133,900	200	-4,000
Oil Field Machinery	39,600	39,900	39,200	-300	400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	111,800	112,000	110,600	-200	1,200
Transportation Equipment	79,200	78,300	76,800	900	2,400
Aircraft & Parts	41,000	40,800	38,800	200	2,200
Instruments & Related Products	22,300	22,400	23,000	-100	-700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,500	12,400	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	415,300	417,600	418,000	-2,300	-2,700
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	99,000	94,800	-1,400	2,800
Meat Products	26,700	27,100	25,500	-400	1,200
Dairy Products	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	200
Bakery Products	11,800	11,800	10,300	0	1,500
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	58,200	58,800	62,200	-600	-4,000
Paper & Allied Products	23,600	23,700	23,800	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	73,400	73,100	71,700	300	1,700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	37,100	37,100	35,900	0	1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,300	76,800	77,000	-500	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,600	40,700	41,900	-100	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	37,400	37,500	38,700	-100	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,700	7,400	7,800	300	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	33,200	33,400	33,800	-200	-600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,598,800	5,601,200	5,438,300	-2,400	160,500
Mining	269,000	269,000	271,400	0	-2,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	259,200	259,400	261,800	-200	-2,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,600	9,600	200	200
Construction	447,700	446,400	437,400	1,300	10,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	378,400	377,800	373,200	600	5,200
Railroad Transportation	24,000	24,000	25,500	0	-1,500
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,700	186,500	178,500	200	8,200
Transportation by Air	40,800	40,300	37,900	500	2,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,000	86,900	89,500	100	-2,500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,700	80,400	79,700	300	1,000
Electric Services	45,200	45,100	44,600	100	600
Gas Production & Distribution	29,000	28,900	29,200	100	-200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,650,500	1,647,600	1,618,600	2,900	31,900
Wholesale Trade	428,800	428,400	431,000	400	-2,200
Retail Trade	1,221,700	1,219,200	1,187,600	2,500	34,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	57,700	58,200	55,700	-500	2,000
General Merchandise Stores	158,000	156,700	153,200	1,300	4,800
Food Stores	218,300	217,100	211,700	1,200	6,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	140,700	140,000	137,600	700	3,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,800	80,500	80,300	300	500
Other Retail Trade	566,200	566,700	549,100	-500	17,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	429,100	428,700	418,000	400	11,100
Banking	107,200	106,800	105,200	400	2,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	131,600	131,100	127,900	500	3,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,300	190,800	184,900	-500	5,400
Services	1,322,000	1,321,000	1,265,000	1,000	57,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	80,900	81,600	79,000	-700	1,900
Personal Services	82,800	82,700	77,800	100	5,000
Business & Repair Services	370,600	370,400	353,800	200	16,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	70,900	70,300	54,300	600	16,600
Health Services	344,100	343,600	343,400	500	700
Educational Services	50,000	50,500	48,900	-500	1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	322,700	321,900	307,800	800	14,900
Total Government	1,102,100	1,110,700	1,054,700	-8,600	47,400
Total Federal Government	189,500	187,100	178,100	2,400	11,400
Total State Government	268,600	262,000	242,400	6,600	26,200
Total Local Government	644,000	661,600	634,200	-17,600	9,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,900	64,100	64,600	104,300	103,000	105,100	400,200	395,800	381,600
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,600	3,000	6,200	6,400	5,000	20,200	20,400	13,700
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.6	4.6	5.9	6.2	4.8	5.0	5.2	3.6
Total Employment 2/	61,100	60,500	61,600	98,100	96,600	100,100	380,000	375,400	367,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,900	176,400	187,600	86,200	85,200	87,200	94,800	94,600	95,500
Total Unemployment	26,500	25,400	22,400	7,900	7,700	5,700	14,100	14,800	13,800
Percent Unemployed	14.7	14.4	11.9	9.2	9.0	6.5	14.9	15.6	14.5
Total Employment 2/	153,400	151,000	165,200	78,300	77,500	81,500	80,700	79,800	81,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,400	56,900	57,300	176,600	173,900	174,400	1,346.9	1,321.7	1,327.8
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,000	2,400	17,200	16,300	15,500	70.2	69.4	51.5
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.3	4.2	9.7	9.4	8.9	5.2	5.3	3.9
Total Employment 2/	56,000	53,900	54,900	159,400	157,600	158,900	1,276.7	1,252.3	1,276.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	209,500	210,000	206,700	635,100	623,300	622,400	99,500	99,500	97,000
Total Unemployment	24,900	26,100	21,000	35,800	33,400	26,400	11,900	11,600	9,800
Percent Unemployed	11.9	12.4	10.2	5.6	5.4	4.2	12.0	11.7	10.1
Total Employment 2/	184,600	183,900	185,700	599,300	589,900	596,000	87,600	87,900	87,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,737.1	1,709.6	1,716.8	82,300	80,600	80,700	40,600	40,200	40,700
Total Unemployment	146.6	144.2	122.2	6,100	5,900	4,800	5,900	6,200	7,000
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.4	7.1	7.4	7.3	5.9	14.5	15.4	17.2
Total Employment 2/	1,590.5	1,565.4	1,594.6	76,200	74,700	75,900	34,700	34,000	33,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,400	78,600	81,200	115,000	114,900	113,600	117,500	122,800	118,200
Total Unemployment	8,400	8,700	6,900	7,600	10,100	6,500	24,800	24,200	24,800
Percent Unemployed	10.6	11.1	8.5	6.6	8.8	5.7	21.1	19.7	21.0
Total Employment 2/	71,000	69,900	74,300	107,400	104,800	107,100	92,700	98,600	93,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	66,500	65,300	67,600	70,300	69,000	70,700	52,500	51,800	52,000
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,400	2,900	4,500	4,400	3,800	3,100	3,200	2,300
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.2	4.3	6.4	6.4	5.4	5.9	6.2	4.4
Total Employment 2/	62,900	61,900	64,700	65,800	64,600	66,900	49,400	48,600	49,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	555,000	547,400	545,700	44,200	43,400	43,700	53,600	52,900	51,000
Total Unemployment	37,200	38,200	29,500	3,500	3,500	2,300	4,700	5,000	3,900
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.0	5.4	7.9	8.1	5.3	8.8	9.5	7.6
Total Employment 2/	517,800	509,200	516,200	40,700	39,900	41,400	48,900	47,900	47,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,100	82,400	83,200	39,500	39,200	39,600	95,200	93,800	95,200
Total Unemployment	5,500	5,500	4,400	3,000	3,000	2,400	6,300	5,700	4,500
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.7	5.3	7.6	7.7	6.1	6.6	6.1	4.7
Total Employment 2/	77,600	76,900	78,800	36,500	36,200	37,200	88,900	88,100	90,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,000	62,500	64,300				8,163.6	8,055.0	8,088.7
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,800	3,000				624.8	624.0	509.9
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.1	4.7				7.7	7.7	6.3
Total Employment 2/	59,300	58,700	61,300				7,538.8	7,431.0	7,578.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings July± 1985	Average Weekly Earnings June 1985	Average Weekly Earnings July 1984	Average Weekly Hours July± 1985	Average Weekly Hours June 1985	Average Weekly Hours July 1984	Average Hourly Earnings July± 1985	Average Hourly Earnings June 1985	Average Hourly Earnings July 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 381.64	$ 384.81	$ 373.43	40.6	41.2	41.4	$ 9.40	$ 9.34	$ 9.02
Durable Goods	377.92	385.40	362.56	40.9	41.8	41.2	9.24	9.22	8.80
Lumber & Wood Products	271.22	266.11	255.58	40.3	39.6	39.2	6.73	6.72	6.52
Furniture & Fixtures	247.00	246.02	214.56	38.0	39.3	36.0	6.50	6.26	5.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	386.26	384.83	350.17	44.5	44.8	42.6	8.68	8.59	8.22
Primary Metal Industries	420.04	423.12	418.84	41.1	41.2	41.8	10.22	10.27	10.02
Fabricated Metal Products	359.92	362.66	344.83	40.9	41.4	41.1	8.80	8.76	8.39
Machinery, exc. Electric	393.41	413.23	378.16	40.6	43.0	42.3	9.69	9.61	8.94
Oil Field Machinery	468.00	491.49	468.70	41.6	43.0	43.6	11.25	11.43	10.75
Electric & Electronic Equip.	398.21	408.78	390.04	40.8	41.5	41.1	9.76	9.85	9.49
Transportation Equipment	494.48	515.76	491.31	40.3	42.0	42.1	12.27	12.28	11.67
Instruments & Related Prod.	314.36	309.68	292.59	39.1	39.3	38.6	8.04	7.88	7.58
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	254.15	260.55	280.14	39.1	39.9	40.6	6.50	6.53	6.90
Nondurable Goods	385.36	382.85	386.46	40.1	40.3	41.6	9.61	9.50	9.29
Food & Kindred Products	327.66	321.03	340.61	41.9	41.0	43.5	7.82	7.83	7.83
Meat Products	288.18	262.10	300.55	43.4	40.2	45.4	6.64	6.52	6.62
Malt Beverages	853.23	817.02	757.63	51.0	49.1	47.5	16.73	16.64	15.95
Textile Mill Products	284.09	295.54	280.98	40.7	42.1	42.0	6.98	7.02	6.69
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	177.33	192.83	183.86	34.5	36.8	37.6	5.14	5.24	4.89
Paper & Allied Products	421.45	424.45	434.23	41.4	41.9	44.4	10.18	10.13	9.78
Printing & Publishing	358.29	359.20	349.67	39.2	39.3	40.1	9.14	9.14	8.72
Chemicals & Allied Products	633.14	621.29	609.18	43.1	42.7	42.6	14.69	14.55	14.30
Petroleum & Coal Products	570.31	554.60	602.25	41.0	40.6	43.8	13.91	13.66	13.75
Petroleum Refining	589.37	572.46	624.26	41.1	40.6	43.9	14.34	14.10	14.22
Leather & Leather Products	196.27	197.58	196.94	37.6	37.0	37.3	5.22	5.34	5.28
Other Nondurable Goods	362.03	362.75	357.85	41.0	41.6	42.5	8.83	8.72	8.42
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	480.63	483.55	477.18	43.3	43.8	46.6	11.10	11.04	10.24
Oil & Gas Extraction	479.70	482.65	479.98	43.1	43.6	46.6	11.13	11.07	10.30
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	516.11	506.06	420.36	49.2	48.8	46.5	10.49	10.37	9.04
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	458.62	457.45	427.79	39.4	39.3	39.5	11.64	11.64	10.83
Elec., Gas & San. Services	455.31	467.81	430.94	39.8	41.0	40.2	11.44	11.41	10.72
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.79	231.44	235.25	33.4	33.3	34.8	6.91	6.95	6.76
Wholesale Trade	373.32	374.37	366.83	39.8	39.7	40.4	9.38	9.43	9.08
Retail Trade	186.20	186.24	192.06	31.4	31.3	33.0	5.93	5.95	5.82
General Merchandise Stores	183.29	183.29	165.85	30.6	30.6	31.0	5.99	5.99	5.35
Banking	270.66	280.21	263.98	38.5	39.3	39.4	7.03	7.13	6.70

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Average Weekly Earnings July± 1985	Average Weekly Earnings June 1985	Average Weekly Earnings July 1984	Average Weekly Hours July± 1985	Average Weekly Hours June 1985	Average Weekly Hours July 1984	Average Hourly Earnings July± 1985	Average Hourly Earnings June 1985	Average Hourly Earnings July 1984
DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 374.42	$ 377.57	$ 356.79	41.1	41.4	41.2	$ 9.11	$ 9.12	$ 8.66
Durable Goods	392.47	396.03	371.90	41.4	41.6	41.6	9.48	9.52	8.94
Nondurable Goods	335.34	338.25	326.84	40.5	41.1	40.5	8.28	8.23	8.07
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	385.15	392.18	362.91	40.8	41.5	41.1	9.44	9.45	8.83
Durable Goods	400.77	410.59	376.48	40.4	41.6	41.1	9.92	9.87	9.16
Nondurable Goods	346.11	349.02	326.79	41.7	41.5	40.9	8.30	8.41	7.99
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.59	476.53	455.39	42.2	42.7	42.6	11.27	11.16	10.69
Durable Goods	407.38	426.38	398.82	41.4	43.2	42.7	9.84	9.87	9.34
Nondurable Goods	569.40	546.46	532.95	43.3	42.1	42.5	13.15	12.98	12.54
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	282.98	284.21	266.00	39.8	40.2	40.0	7.11	7.07	6.65
Durable Goods	308.18	307.60	288.86	41.2	41.4	40.8	7.48	7.43	7.08
Nondurable Goods	259.78	261.97	243.66	38.6	39.1	39.3	6.73	6.70	6.20

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

The construction industry recorded a new record high in July, with a total of 447,700 jobs at mid-month. Continued lower interest rates combined with good weather and the availability of summer laborers to push employment up in this industry. Most service sectors recorded moderate growth over the month, adding an additional 1,000 to the total for the industry.

The busiest part of the vacation season provided the impetus for an increase of 500 in air transportation, the largest gain recorded in transportation and public utilities. Finance, insurance and real estate registered a total of 400 new jobs, as gains and losses among its segments partially nullified one another.

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Continued declines in the nondurable goods sector were primarily responsible for the loss of 1,300 jobs in manufacturing. There were slightly more than one million factory jobs in July, but the current level was 1,700 below the July 1984 estimate. Durable goods did record some expansion, with 1,000 jobs added over the month. The largest of these gains occurred in transportation equipment, where several sectors reflected increased hiring. Employers in lumber and wood products also augmented payrolls in July.

Most other durable goods industries registered small increases or minor declines over the month. Only two hard goods sectors showed over-the-year losses -- non-electrical machinery, which dropped 4,000 jobs, and lumber and wood products, which was 1,600 below the July 1984 level.

Of the decreases in nondurable goods, the largest was in food and kindred products, which dropped by 1,400 as a meat packing plant closed and the tomato packing season ended in July. Apparel and other finished textile products suffered layoffs which idled 600 workers over the month. This industry has lost 4,000 jobs since July 1984, as competition from foreign apparel makers continues to erode jobs. The only nondurable goods industry which recorded growth both over the month and during the past year was printing and publishing.

HOURLY EARNINGS RISE, HOURS DROP

There were an estimated 656,300 Texas manufacturing production workers in July, down 1,900 from June. Average weekly hours declined 0.6 hour to 40.6 hours per week in July, while average hourly earnings, at $9.40, were up by 6¢. The drop in hours worked pushed average weekly earnings down by $3.17 over the month, to $381.64. Compared to July 1984, average weekly hours were down 0.8 hour but average hourly earnings had risen 38¢ over the year, raising average weekly earnings by $8.21.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1985	July 1984
Total Population	16,254,400	15,989,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.4
UI Covered Employers	311,058	301,220
Total Claims Actions	500,986	409,136
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,378	60,459
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	434,608	348,677
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$143.87	$135.48
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$53,829,067	$46,965,520
Total Placements	46,455	49,338

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.